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SPORADIC VIOLENCE IN ROME

Strikers' Grip On City "Slowly Slipping"

Philip On Loyal Toast List

London, Dec. 12. The Home Office announced tonight that the King had approved the inclusion of the Duke of Edinburgh's name in the order and form of the loyal toast to be used in future at official and public functions.

The new order is:

1. The King.
2. The Queen, Queen Mary, the Princess Elizabeth, the Duke of Edinburgh and other members of the Royal Family.—Reuter.

Kowloon To Disregard Summonses

Residents in the old walled Kowloon City have decided to disregard summonses ordering them to appear at the Kowloon Magistracy at 11.30 a.m. on Dec. 16, to answer charges of occupying Crown Land without proper authorization.

This decision, which was reached after a mass meeting of residents, was reported to Mr. T. W. Kwok, Special Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

In addition, three representatives of the residents went to Canton to see Dr. T. V. Soong.

At Canton, they were interviewed by Dr. Soong's representative, who told them that the matter was being discussed by the Chinese Foreign Office and the British Ambassador to China (Sir Ralph Stevenson).

Dr. Soong's representative is reported to have advised the hut dwellers to "mark time" pending a decision and not to do anything foolish.

"FRENCH ENLIST JAPS IN PERSUASION CORPS"

Tokyo, Dec. 12. A repatriated Japanese sergeant said today that the French at Saigon have built a special Japanese corps to persuade Japanese in the Viet Name Army to desert and leave Indo-China.

Already two members of this "deserters-turn-persuasion corps" have been killed by Japanese they sought to convince and three are missing, said Isamu Tanabe, who for a time was a member of the corps.

Tanabe estimated that there are 8,000 Japanese soldiers with the Vietnamese.

The French, he said, believe these experienced soldiers do much to bolster the Vietnamese and are anxious to persuade them to return to Japan.

Red Influence

"But the Japanese with the Vietnamese independence army already have been influenced by Communism," Tanabe explained. "They regard members of the corps with contempt—as French employed spies."

He said the "Persuasion Corps" was formed in Saigon.

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Red Deputies Hurt In Bitter Clash

Rome, Dec. 12. Fresh violence and brawls today broke out in Rome as thousands of police criss-crossed the strike-paralysed city in speeding vehicles to battle with Communist squads.

The Communist-inspired violence was mostly small-scale and short-lived. They are desperate because their showdown general strike in the capital is on the verge of collapse.

By 11.30 a.m. the police and military seemed to be definitely winning the battle.

The city is served by police-protected makeshift transportation.

Banks, shops the Stock Exchange and Catholic schools joined in strike-breaking in increasing numbers. The streets were filled with people going to work.

The Communist labour leaders reacted as threatened with anti-strike breaking squads to try to force businesses to close.

Major Brawl

Later, two Communist Deputies, one of them a famed Partisan leader, were beaten by

RED H.Q. IN LYONS WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

Lyons, Dec. 12. A violent explosion early this morning shook the Communist headquarters here, causing heavy damage to the main floor of the building and breaking windows in dozens of other nearby buildings.

No one was injured.

The explosion, the cause of which has not yet been determined, occurred between 2 and 3 a.m. today.

Fittings and furnishings in the street floor of the permanent headquarters were damaged.

The windows of a nearby department store were shattered. Firemen moved into the building immediately while the police cordoned off the area.—United Press.

PIRATES HOLD-UP JUNK

Four pirates, two of whom were armed with revolvers, held up a fishing junk near Tung Kwa Island in British waters at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

After robbing the occupants of the fishing junk of HK\$110 in ten-dollar notes and CNY\$150,000, the pirates put their victims ashore on Tung Kwa Island and departed, taking with them the fishing junk, which is valued at HK\$1,200.

The victims hailed a passing junk, which took them to Castle Peak.

From there the master of the pirated junk, Ng Shing, made his way to the nearest Police Station.

"SILENT WAR" IN JAVA, SAY DUTCH

Batavia, Dec. 12. The Dutch Government, in an official communique, said today that the Indonesians are waging a "silent war" against them in violation of the United Nations cease-fire resolution.

The communique said such activity is hampering the efforts of the U.N. Committee to bring peace to Indonesia.—United Press.

H.K. Selling Cotton To Japan, Fears India

Tokyo, Dec. 12. Indian sources are keenly watching developments in negotiations said to be going on between the Hong Kong Government and SCAP for the sale to Japan of 90,000 bales of Indian raw cotton.

It is understood that Hong Kong has this cotton in its possession in return for Japanese manufactured goods for the Crown Colony.

Indian sources are apprehensive that this cotton will cut into the amount India is hoping to sell Japan.

The cotton in the hands of Hong Kong was originally shipped by private interests in India to traders in Shanghai to be sold on the Chinese market.

While the shipment was on its way, the Chinese Government enforced certain rigid economic restrictions which prevented the cotton being unloaded at Shanghai.

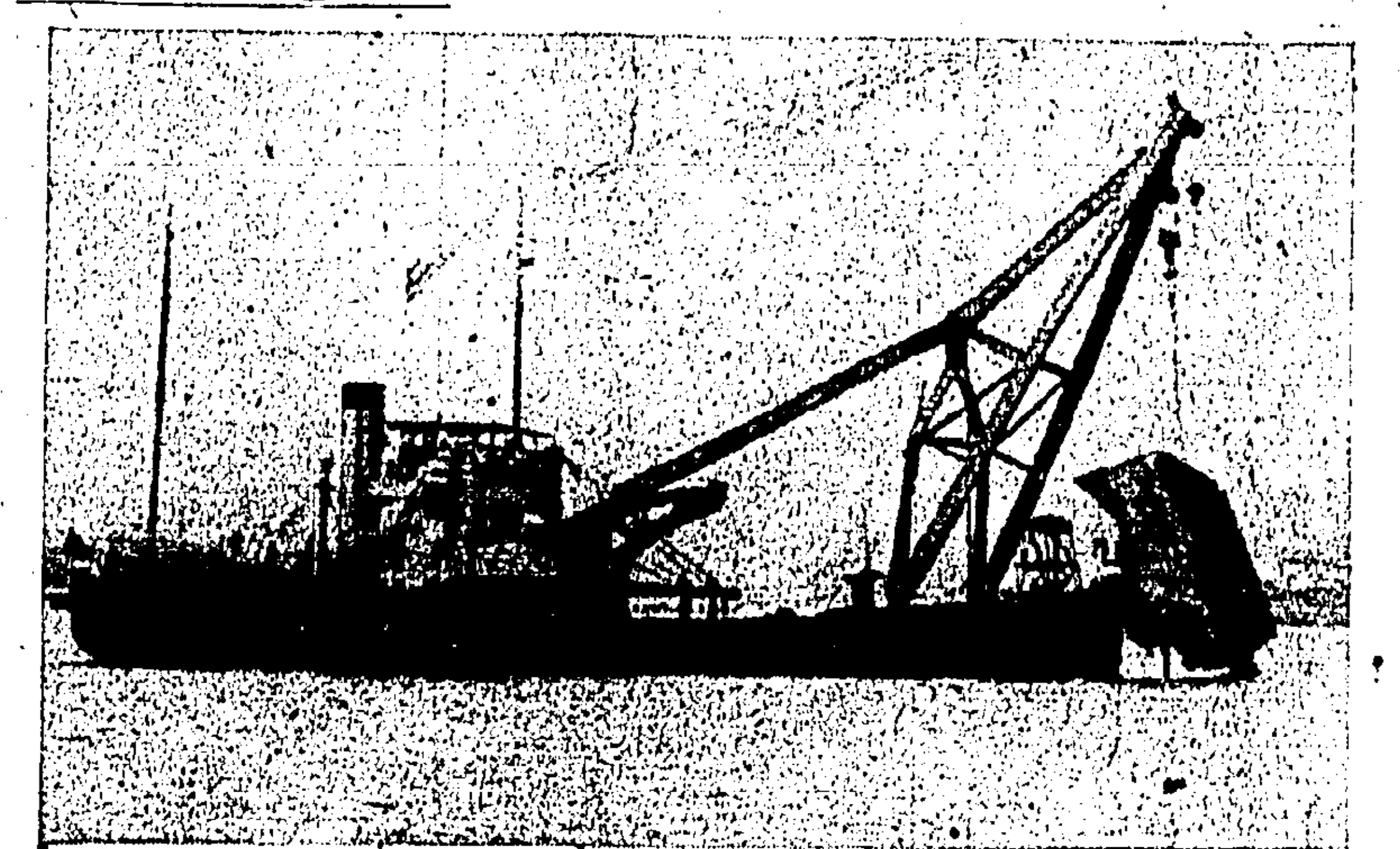
Therefore the consignment was taken to Hong Kong and unloaded there.

The Hong Kong Government bought up the cotton and is now said to be trying to sell it to Japan as Hong Kong's quota.

Meanwhile, United Press reliably learned that negotiations are currently under way between the Indian Government and SCAP for the sale of Indian cotton to Japan in 1948.

It was learned India has 1,000,000 bales to offer Japan and is aiming at a considerably larger figure than this year. This year Japan bought 170,000 bales.

Remains Of A Jap Tsingtao Maru's Bridge Once More Above Water



Attempts were made yesterday to lift the bridge of the former Japanese 6,000-ton tanker, Tsingtao Maru, from the harbour.

The bridge had been cut off in October to allow the overturned tanker to be towed away.

Picture above shows the bridge being lifted from the bottom of the harbour by an ex-Japanese crane ship. Later the bridge was lowered back into the water.

It will be taken to Kowloon Bay today and dumped at the scrap heap there. "China Mail" Photo.

Macao Bans Rice Exports To H.K.

Canton, Dec. 12. At the request of Governor T. V. Soong, the Macao Government has agreed to cancel all rice export licenses from the Portuguese colony to Hong Kong in order to check the outflow of the staple food from Kwangtung to foreign ports.

This was disclosed by Dr. J. Calvet, Consul for Portugal, who said that the Macao Government not only has prohibited all exports of rice but will make every effort to prevent smuggling in cooperation with the Chinese authorities.

Furthermore, Dr. Calvet said that Governor Albino Oliveira of Macao will disarm some launches and junks to forestall the use of their weapons in resisting Customs inspection in attempted smuggling.

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45 Dead In Three U.S. Plane Crashes

New York, Dec. 12. At least 45 persons were killed and 16 injured in a crash of four large Army planes in the last three days, two of them on Thursday night.

Briggs Field operations office at El Paso, Texas, form which one plane took off, reported 20 officers and men were aboard a C-47 which crashed near Memphis while on a routine training flight.

All aboard were killed instantly when the plane exploded and burst into flames on impact.

The second crash on Thursday night was a B-29 which crashed landed in a rock-strewn pasture near Spokane, Washington.

Six of the 10 crew members were injured, but none seriously. A C-47 crashed while landing at Andrews Field at Washington on Wednesday night, killing two of the six aboard.

Labrador Crash

The three accidents came on the heels of the C-54 crash near Goosebay, Labrador, in which 28 persons were killed.

The first three of six survivors removed from the scene on Thursday were described as in a "fair condition."

Army officials at Memphis reported that all the 20 bodies aboard the C-47 which burned there, had been accounted for.

They said several of the victims were decapitated and arms and legs were absent about the bodies.

The wreckage of the C-47 was found in a field near the town of Memphis.

New Chinese Law Ends I-Party Rule

Nanking, Dec. 12. The State Council today drafted a law terminating one-Party political tutelage on December 25 when the new Constitution goes into effect.

The law is an interim measure, necessitated by the postponement of the National Assembly from the original date, December 25, until sometime early next Spring.

Thus, the Constitution will go into effect despite the fact that the Government cannot be elected in accordance with its provisions until the National Assembly actually meets to name the President and Vice-President.

The State Council also decreed extension of tenure of the People's Political Council from December 25 until the Assembly meets.

Kuomintang Ban

The Kuomintang has forbidden its members to run in the Legislative Yuan elections on January 21 and 23, except as party candidates, it was reliably learned today.

The measure is designed to prevent a repetition of what happened in the National Assembly elections last month, in which members of the Kuomintang won elections in many districts which had been pledged to the Young China Party or the Democratic Socialists.

The Kuomintang did not put up the candidates in these districts, except as deputies, but, under the Constitution, any citizen may run for the Assembly if he procures 500 nominating signatures.

The result was that many Kuomintang members ran independently and were elected in districts allocated to the minority candidates.

The Kuomintang is trying to solve this unforeseen development by attempting to persuade successful Kuomintang members to resign their seats in favour of minority candidates.

Many members, however, have balked and refused to resign even in the face of a threat of expulsion from the Party.—United Press.

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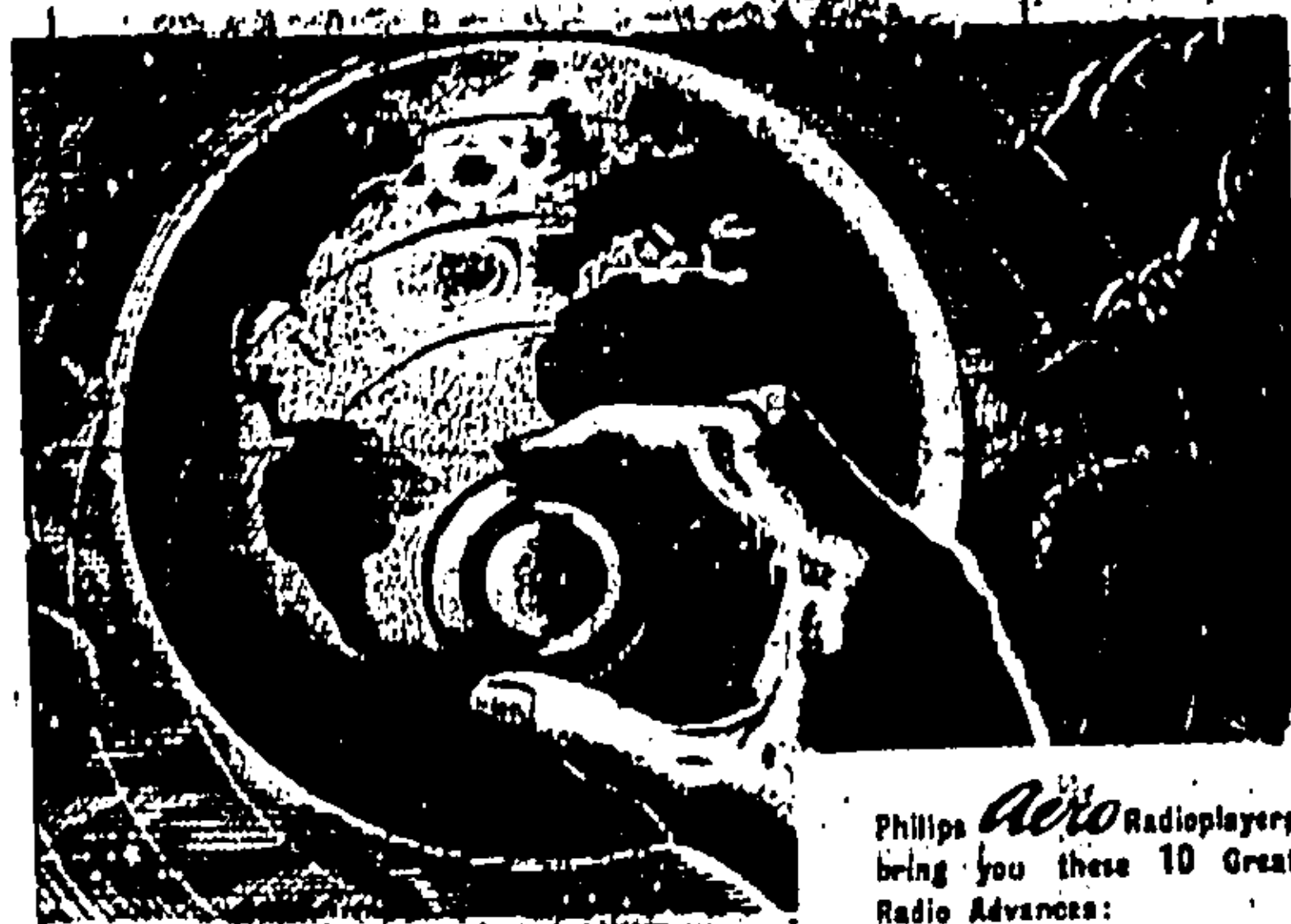
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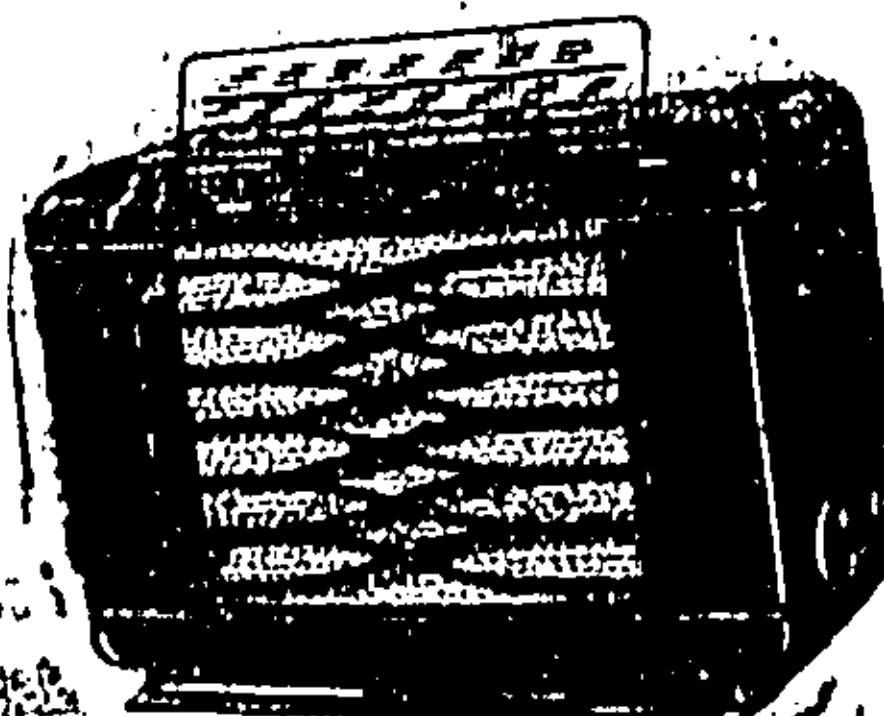


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TEMPERS FRAY IN ALLEN BRIBERY CASE

William Elijah Allen, who is on trial with Man Kam-fat and Chui Hong at the Criminal Sessions before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), denied yesterday allegations that he had conspired to obtain bribes from stallholders in the Shamshuipo, Mongkok and Yaumatei Markets, or that he had accepted or agreed to bribes.

Frayed tempers and heated verbal exchanges between Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, and Mr. Percy Chen, Counsel for Allen, culminated in Mr. Lonsdale angrily tossing a file to Mr. Chen, were the highlights of yesterday's proceedings.

Allen, Man Kam-fat and Chui Hong are facing trial on 23 counts of alleged conspiracy to obtain bribes, accepting bribes and agreeing to accept bribes. Mr. Lonsdale, assisted by Mr. F.F.W. Shafat, Senior Supt. of Police, and Det. Insp. J. Johnston, is conducting the case for the prosecution.

Allen is represented by Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quinn of Messrs. Brutton & Co.

Man Kam-fat is represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, instructed by Mr. F. J. Griffiths of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist. Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. C.S. Russ, is appearing for Chui Hong.

Continuing his testimony, Allen said that there was not the slightest truth in the charge that he had conspired to obtain bribes from stallholders. He also denied that he accepted or agreed to accept bribes from stallholders to permit them to commit breaches of market bye-laws.

Allen denied that he had asked anyone to collect money on his behalf and said he had no knowledge of any person making collections.

Large numbers of unlicensed hawkers near markets had on adverse effect on the business of licensed stallholders.

He therefore concentrated all his efforts towards eliminating the hawkers so that the licensed stallholders would be able to carry on business in the market instead of having to go into the streets.

His sympathies were always with the licensed stallholders. He did not prosecute in a number of cases, but was disgusted with the small fines or cautions imposed by Magistrates.

The lenient manner in which unlicensed hawkers were treated by Magistrates did not act as a deterrent.

He knew Keung Hing, Wong Kwai and Fan Hon, whom he regarded as representatives of fish stallholders.

He then referred to the meeting in the Yat Cheong Cafe, with Keung Hing, Man Kam-fat and his son and others.

ARMY SERGEANT FINED FOR TRAFFIC BREACH

A fine of \$25 was yesterday imposed on Sgt. Harry David Groves of Land Forces Headquarters by Mr. Conklin at Central Magistracy for driving without due care and attention.

Insp. Senior said that he saw defendant coming out of the Royal Naval Dockyard driving a lorry. Defendant waited until most of the traffic had passed except for a tricycle with two passengers. When the tricycle was about five yards away from the truck, defendant shot out from the Dockyard and, but for the fact that the tricycle swerved almost onto the other side of the road, there would have been a very serious accident.

Defendant pleaded "Guilty," saying that he thought he could get into road and avoid the tricycle.

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Bank of East Asia Ltd.	200.
Mr. Li Jae Fong	100.
Anon.	50.
Total	\$2,150.75

THE WHISKERS CLUB



As Mortimer the little mouse... I always wished for a glass of whisky... Suddenly he stopped... He was sitting at a big table and smiling.

Woman Diamond Smuggler

Mahla, Dec. 12. Fifteen pieces of uncut diamonds, estimated to be worth \$55,000, were seized by the Customs and Finance Department authorities last night at Nichols Field, following a search of the belongings of a Chinese woman passenger, who arrived by Pan-American Airways plane from Hong Kong.

Mrs. Chong Su-hua, the passenger, admitted ownership of the diamonds, which were found wrapped in a camouflaged medicine case in her handbag.

She had been on a visit to China and has a residence in Manila.

The authorities said she was liable to prosecution in court. —United Press.

Personalia

Yesterday morning the Air Commander-in-Chief, Far East, Air Marshal Sir Hugh P. Lloyd, KBE, CB, MC, DFC, who is visiting the Colony from Singapore, attended a conference with the Governor (Sir Alexander Grantham) at the Colonial Secretariat, at which Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Governor-General of Malaya, and the Commanders-in-Chief of the other two Services were present.

A very successful Xmas Dance, organized by the European Y.M.C.A. for the benefit of the Services, was held at the Association's premises last night.

Over 250 people attended the function, with members of the fair sex almost outnumbering the male.

The hall was tastefully decorated with streamers and bunnions. Music was provided by the Band of the Royal Naval Dockyard and all present enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Farant, Mr. Raymond, Miss Irene Lubbeck, C. J. Kumpsholt, Miss J. Bigel, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Joubert and Mr. and Mrs. J. Zylstra.

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Hong Kong Hotel arrivals:—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mason and Mrs. S. Pearson.

Gloucester Hotel arrivals:—Mr. and Mrs. C. Radford, and Mr. J. G. Clark. Departures:—Mr. Diba, Mr. J. M. Adilla, Mrs. R. A. Jones and Miss E. P. Holland.

Repulse Bay Hotel arrival:—Mrs. H. Darling. Departure:—Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Yu.

The International Affairs Sectional Committee of the Hong Kong Council of Women is to meet at the Y.W.C.A., Duddell Street, at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

TRAM AND CAR COLLISION AT JOCKEY CLUB

Mr. F. S. Coots, Manager of Cable and Wireless, gave evidence before Mr. F. X. d'Almada, at Central Magistracy yesterday when Motorman Lau Wat-mah, of the Hong Kong Tramway Co., appeared on a charge of failing to bring his vehicle to a standstill in the face of impending danger.

Defendant, who was defended by Mr. Kahn, was convicted and fined.

In evidence, Mr. Coots said that as he was unable to do a "U" turn outside the Jockey Club, he attempted to back and manoeuvre his car again.

Before he could back, he saw the light of another car approaching on his right side.

He stopped to allow the car to pass.

He received a glancing blow from the rear by the tram, which did not stop for six feet.

Defendant said that he saw the car trying to turn as his tram was 10 feet away.

Mr. d'Almada:—It is incredible, as that action would be courting death.

"Any ordinary man with sense enough would not attempt to get in the path of an oncoming tram at 10 feet away, which was not further than the distance between the two witness stands in court."

Mr. Kahn stressed that defendant did attempt to stop in the face of impending danger, as could be verified from evidence.

Dec. 10. Mr. G. B. Endicott, Lecturer in History at Hong Kong University will speak on "The United Nations Organisation." All interested are welcome.

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Bernard Xavier, merchant, of 9 Sharp Street East, 1st floor, to Miss Leung Tam-sai, of 334 Hennessy Road, 1st floor, has been announced.

The following embarked at Liverpool on board s.s. "LAN-CASHIRE" on Nov. 21, for Hong Kong.

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Reminders

Today

Royal Marines Association, Carnival Dance, "Marksmen's Arms", Stonecutters' Island, 9 p.m.—1 a.m.

Annual Bowls Match Between St. George's Society and St. Andrew's Society, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Paintings Exhibition, by T.P. Lau, St. Francis Hotel, Queen's Road, C.

DECEMBER 15
Shek-O Development Co., Ltd., meeting, Jockey Club Board Room Exchange Bldg., 5.15 p.m.

Official Opening of local Branch of Central Trust of China, Pedder St., 10 a.m.

DECEMBER 16
Prize Giving, Kowloon Junior School, at Central British School, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

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cember, 1947, free of tax.

The Share Transfer Books
will be closed from Monday,
8th December, 1947 to Monday,
15th December, 1947 (inclusive)
for the purpose of the pre-
paration of Dividend Warrants.

Dividend Warrants will be
issued at the Registered Office
of the Company, 1st Floor, Ex-
change Building, Hong Kong,
between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on
Monday, 15th December, 1947.

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL
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Secretaries.

Hongkong 28th November, 1947.

POLICE NOTICE

All holders of arms licences
are reminded that their licences
are due for renewal on 1st
January, 1948. Renewal fee:
\$20.

Applications for renewal
should be made to the Officer-
in-Charge of Arms, Central
Police Station. Failure to apply
for renewal of licences by 31st
January, 1948, may result in
prosecution and confiscation of
the arms.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1947.

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NOTICE

WOODCRAFT WORKS LIMITED

Reconstruction of Register of
Members.

Woodcraft Works, Limited
(hereinafter called "the Com-
pany") has applied to the Re-
gistrar of Companies for leave
to reconstruct its Register of
Members, under Section 12 of
the Companies (Reconstruction
of Records) Ordinance, 1947.

The statutory declaration in
support of the application and
the exhibits thereto being lists
of persons who it is believed are
entitled to be registered as
shareholders of the Company
can be inspected, on payment of
the prescribed fees, in the office
of the Registrar of Companies,
Courts of Justice, Hong Kong. A
copy of the statutory declaration
and the exhibits thereto may also
be inspected at the Company's
Registered Office during ordinary
working hours.

All persons who claim to be
entitled to be registered as
shareholders of the Company
must notify the Company of
their FULL NAMES and
ADDRESSES, their claim and
the evidence upon which it
is based WITHIN THREE
MONTHS from the 15th day of
December, 1947.

Persons who hold Share
Certificates and Transfer Deeds
(if any) are requested to
produce them at the Company's
Registered Office if they have
not already done so. Share-
holders who have lost their
script are requested to write to
the Company giving all known
particulars of their holding and
the circumstances of the loss,
when further information will
be given as to any further evidence
required.

All notices and communications
should be addressed to the
Company at its Registered
Office, 7 Queen's Road, Central,
Hong Kong.

LOWE, BINGHAM &
MATTHEWS,
Secretaries.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1947.

NOTICE

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Records) Ordinance, 1947.

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1947.

40 MORE DEAD IN PALESTINE Battles Flare Up In Rural Areas

FOOD TALKS FAIL

Ottawa, Dec. 11.
The British-Canadian
food negotiations have ended
in virtual failure, and the
British food mission will
sail for Britain from
Halifax on Dec. 17.
A Canadian source close
to the negotiations said that
no firm conclusions had
been reached but the door
had not yet been closed.
It was believed that the
negotiations had failed to
overcome the facts that
Canada wanted higher
prices for her foodstuffs
and Britain had not the
dollars to continue paying
even present prices.—Reu-
ter.

Chinese Liberals Cable U.S. Republicans

A telegram was sent yester-
day to Mr. Charles McNamara
of the United States Republican Party
National Committee in Wash-
ington, by the Liberation Action
Committee of China appealing
for support for a peace offe-
nsive being launched by China's
Liberals to end civil war.

The telegram, signed by Mr. Percy
Chen as Co-Chairman of the Com-
mittee, requested Mr. McNamara
to convey the following message to Republican
leaders, Thomas Dewey, Harold Stassen,
Robert Taft, Arthur Vandenberg,
and John Dulles.

"American money used to prolong
China civil war in China in name
anti-Communist campaign will result
hated U.S.A. by Chinese people.
Chinese Liberal Democrats appeal to
Members Republican Party support
peace offensive being launched by
Liberals to end civil war during pre-
sent winter lull.

"Do not reject this plea on basis
wayward biased Chinese masses.
There is no danger of Communism
winning or of Russia taking over
China.

"Greater danger is presented by
impending economic collapse re-
sulting from corruption of the Kung-
tang and their crippling attack upon
system of free enterprise in China."

GERMAN P.O.W.'s

Frankfurt, Dec. 12.
All German prisoners of war in
Czechoslovakia are to be sent
home before the end of next year,
the German News Agency in the
United States Zone reported to-
day, quoting statement from the
United States Military Govern-
ment in Wuerzburg, Baden.
The statement added that so far
there was no information about
the plans of the Polish and Yugo-
slav Governments for releasing
German war prisoners.—Reuter

THE UNITED SERVICES RECREATION CLUB KOWLOON.

The Grand Christmas Dance
for members and their guests,
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Gascogne Road, on Saturday
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Britain Handing Over Police

Jerusalem, Dec. 12.
Forty more dead in the past 24 hours added to the
riot toll of strife-torn Palestine as battles
broke out in isolated rural areas, it was offi-
cially announced today. Of the dead 25 were
listed as Arabs and 15 Jews. Sixty-seven were
listed as wounded.

Tabulation placed the dead
officially at 152 (82 Jews and
63 Arabs). Six others, includ-
ing four Britishers, have been
killed.

Twelve died at Tira village
north of Haifa during a night
attack by Jews who bombed and
fired the village in a half-hour
battle.

Ten Jews were slain last
night when ambushed by
Bedouins along the Jerusalem-
Hebron highway.

Britain last night took another
step in turning over responsibility
for law and order to local
inhabitants, with the announced
strengthening of the police force
at Jaffa, the Arab sea port, by
110 special Arab constables and
the "ultimate creation" of a local
all-Arab police force under the
control of the Jaffa municipal
council.

The official statement did not
announce the withdrawal of the
British police from Jaffa.

Indicating that British troops
would leave other Arab towns
and villages as they had left
some Jewish ones, the Govern-
ment said that the formation of
local forces similar to that for
Jaffa was "receiving attention."

Irgun Accusation

The new Jaffa special police
force would be locally enlisted
men armed from the police ar-
moury while on duty.

A Jewish civil guard of about
450 men without the status of

Murdered Her Husband On Wedding Night

Paris, Dec. 12.
Madame Lucienne De-
meilly, aged 26, was guillotined
yesterday at Melu, 20-
miles southeast of Paris, for
having murdered her 33-
year-old husband on their
wedding night last March.
She was the third woman
to have been guillotined in
France since 1887.

Madame Lucienne refused
the traditional glass of rum
offered to all persons to be
executed in France, and
protested her innocence to the
end.—Reuter.

police would take over security
duties from the British police in
Tel-Aviv, Petah Tsigah and
Ramat Gan areas. They would
be licensed to carry arms only in
the areas from which the British
and Arab police have been with-
drawn.

In Jerusalem, Irgun Zvai
Leumi, Jewish terrorist organi-
zation, charged the British Gov-
ernment with co-operating with
Arabs in attacks on Jews and
threatened to continue its "war"
on the British forces unless this
"policy" was stopped.

The police closed six of Jeru-
salem's eight gates after a four-
hour gun battle today between
Arabs and Jews and then said:
"All is quiet for the moment."

Aden Toll

Despatches from Aden said
tonight that the official figures
of dead and wounded in Aden
over the partition of Palestine,
admittedly under-estimated, were
dead 85 Arabs and 76 Jews,
wounded 84 Arabs and 74 Jews
—with many bodies probably
still hidden in wreckage.

The courts have sentenced 22
clerks to terms of imprisonment,
ranging from one year to 18
months.

Arab Armies

Discussions on the deploy-
ment of regular Arab armies
along the borders of Palestine
were continuing in great secrecy
behind scenes, it was believed.

The Syrian Minister of De-
fence was summoned to Cairo
by the Syrian Premier last night
and arrived there from Damas-
cus at noon today. He is ex-
pected to take part in this even-
ing's session of the League
Council's conference.

General Nuri Es Said Pasha,
former Premier of Iraq, who is
now in London, is also expected
here within the next 24 hours.
—Reuter.

S'hai Money Market Still A Chaos

Shanghai, Dec. 12.
Business is expected to be re-
sumed on the Chinese stock ex-
change today following the suc-
cess of Mr. Tu Yueh-sen, Chair-
man of the Board of Directors
of the exchange, in persuading
brokers who refused to transact
business yesterday afternoon to
protest against economic police
interference, to resume.

But it is not known whether the
economic police will be withdrawn
from the floor of the exchange.

Local commercial and financial
affairs were still in a confused state
yesterday with traders and operators
trying in vain to establish regular
markets for commodities and shares.
writes the "North China Daily News"
commercial editor, Mr. Walter
Wiener.

There was again an inflationary
atmosphere, which, however, did
not affect prices to the same extent as
on the previous day, since official action
in the local stock exchange, coupled
with a more rigid loan policy, had
succeeded in arresting the upward
movements of quotations.—Reuter.

NEON SIGN CATCHES FIRE

A neon sign of the Yik Cheong
Goldsmiths of 198 Queen's Road Cen-
tral, caught fire shortly before nine
o'clock last night and was damaged.
One fire engine was dispatched to
the scene from Central, but the fire
was extinguished before its arrival.

Tokyo, Dec. 11.
The United States Army today
announced that restitution of the
Yangtze river pilot boat, the 821-
ton H.M.S. Yangtze, which the
Japanese captured in Shanghai
during the war, would be made to
the British authorities soon as a
result of a S.C.A. directive to the
Japanese Government.

The announcement said repair-
ing and refitting of the vessel
could be completed at a Japanese
shipyard and a Japanese crew
would take the vessel to Shanghai.
—United Press.

AMERICAN GIRL STONED

Rome, Dec. 11.
The United States Em-
bassy said today that Miss
Meryl Mackay, employee of the
U.S. Consulate in Rome,
had been slightly injured,
on Saturday when her jeep
was stoned by a Communist
crowd outside Rome.
Miss Mackay was en route
to the San Francisco or-
phanage for abandoned
children at Centocelle when
the incident occurred at a
road block set up by strik-
ing workers.
The Embassy said the Ital-
ian driver called the
crowd.—United Press.

The Pocked-Man And The Leper Both Had Guns

Lai Cheuk-man, 26, mason, was
sentenced to three years' hard
labour and recommended for
banishment when he pleaded
guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer
at Kowloon yesterday to the
possession of a revolver and
three rounds of ammunition.

According to Det. Sub-Inspector J.
M. Forrest, defendant claimed to
have been given two revolvers by a
European military sergeant at Pan-
ling in May.

One of these he gave to "Tau Pei
Tsi" (pock-marked man) who will
be charged with armed robbery.

The other (forming the subject of
the charge) was given to "Fat Fung
Lo" (leper man), on whose sleeping
place (a step on a fire escape in a
house in Parkes Street) the arms and
ammunition were found by the Police
on Nov. 30.

The revolver, added Det. Forrest,
was not capable of being fired.

PRIVATE FINED FOR RECKLESS LORRY DRIVING

for driving a military lorry
without due care and attention
at Castle Peak Road at 5.30
p.m. on Oct. 12, Pte. A. W.
Meek, 1st Devons, was fined \$25
by Mr. Latimer yesterday.

Chief Inspector Clarke stated
that he was going up the hill
towards Shatin when he saw
about one-third of a mile beyond
the Lai Kok Hospital, a bus
coming down the hill.

Behind this bus was defend-
ant's lorry which was trying
to overtake the bus at the bend.
Defendant was unable to over-
take until the next bend, where
the prosecuting officer was
forced to stop his car to allow
the passage of the military
lorry.

Pte. Meek said C/I Clarke
was travelling at a reasonable
speed at all times and did every-
thing he could. It was a very
silly thing to do to try to over-
take when travelling around
those bends on the road.

U.N. CENTRE IN MOSCOW

Lake Success, Dec. 12.
The United Nations is com-
pleting arrangements to open
an information centre under
supervision of a Soviet national
in Moscow on Jan. 15 for
dissemination of U.N. public
intelligence and measurement
of its reaction on the Russian
people. The full extent of Sov-
iet control over the project
still was not clearly defined.

A high U.N. official said the
Kremlin had agreed to the plan
but its details such as person-
nel and operating procedures
still must be ironed out.—As-
sociated Press.

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AID BILL RUSHED THROUGH

Hectic Debate Over Relief To China

Sixty Millions For Nanking

Washington, Dec. 11. The bitterly-contested US\$590,000,000 emergency foreign relief bill was rammed through the House today without even the formality of a roll call vote, by a surprise manoeuvre that caught foes of the programme figuratively asleep in their chairs.

Passage climaxed a hectic day of debate in which the House shouted down a proposal by the Ohio Republican Earl R. Lewis to confine the authorization for China to a token US\$100.

As approved, the House bill authorized money for France, Italy, Austria and China. No specific sum for China was provided in the bill, but debate made it clear that the figure intended for China was US\$60,000,000.

The measure now goes to the House-Senate conference for differences to be adjusted. The Senate bill authorized US\$697,000,000 for the three European nations but no funds for China.

The Republican Speaker (Rep. Joseph Martin) ended the six-day House debate abruptly with a rap of the gavel while members of the militant farm bloc who had fought the bill looked on in amazement.

Rep. Martin called for a voice vote. A chorus of "ayes" rang out, then a weak scattering of "noes."

China

Rep. Martin announced, "The bill is passed" and jubilant supporters of the aid programme stamped for the exits.

During the day's debate, Rep. Walter Judd of Minnesota said the Lewis amendment to limit Chinese aid to US\$100 would be repeating the "same mistake which led us into World II and which would be sure to lead us

into World War III if we fail to render assistance at the critical moment.

"If we turn China into the hands of Russia," Rep. Judd said, "it means Russia will gain control of the greatest reservoir of manpower in the world, will control the tremendous resources of the great Ruhr of Asia and control the markets of the East. If China goes down, as she must without help, all efforts in Asia to withstand Communism must fold."

"Communism will spread like wildfire. If China falls, Korea and Japan will go down immediately. It is positive that Japan and Korea can never become self-sustaining or secure if Communists control Manchuria."

Alternatives

He added that the United States faced the alternatives of losing her security in the Pacific or allowing China to fall and "pour endless millions of dollars and men into Japan indefinitely."

United States indifference to the needs of China so far has "all but delivered the resources of China into the hands of another totalitarian nation, namely Russia," Rep. Judd continued. He said the United States neglected China prior to Pearl Harbor and allowed the Japanese to invade her until "Japan had fattened herself on Chinese wealth to the point where she was able to attack the United States."

20 Years Late

"If China goes down, as she will without help, all efforts in Asia to resist encroachment of Communism must fold up. Chiang saw this in March 1927. We discovered it in March 1947. It is 20 years too late."

Speaking on behalf of his amendment, Rep. Lewis said the Government of China was "utterly corrupt" and sending money to China "would be pouring it into the pockets of T. V. Soong and others who already control the greatest portion of the wealth of that country."

"Every dollar in this bill will go into the pockets of private individuals and not to the purposes for which it was intended,"—United Press.

Could Not Allow War

New York, Dec. 12. Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, said here today that disagreements among many nations and tens of millions of people could not and would not be allowed to plunge the world into another war.

"We cannot go on for ever in an atmosphere of tension which makes cooperation between nations impossible, even over the most worthy and desirable undertakings," he said.

"The United Nations cannot perform its many duties as they must be performed, as long as such cooperation is lacking. The great powers must come to an understanding. The fact is that in spite of all the difficulties, the United Nations today stands stronger than ever."

He was speaking at a dinner to mark the Nobel anniversary. —Reuter.

SERIES OF QUAKES

Ankara, Dec. 11. Four earthquakes have shaken the areas of south Anatolia during the past 24 hours.

No serious damage or victims were reported.

Reports from east Anatolia yesterday said that a violent earthquake had shaken areas there, wrecking many houses.

Earth tremors were also felt in Cyprus yesterday. —Reuter.

Control Of U.S. Exports

Washington, Dec. 12. The Commerce Department announced today a change in export licensing requirements that will give it control over what countries get building materials, brass, bronze, copper and zinc materials.

Beginning Jan. 1, it said, a special license will have to be obtained for each shipment of these materials. Applicants for licenses must name the country of destination and the consignee, and tell what use will be made of the materials.

The change was in line with Secretary Harriman's declaration that greater use will be made of export control powers to direct short supply goods to the 16 Western European countries which have joined in the economic rehabilitation proposal by Secretary of State Marshall. —Associated Press.

Drastic Truman Programme

WASHINGTON, DEC. 11. PRESIDENT TRUMAN TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY THAT NOTHING SHORT OF PRICE AND WAGE CONTROL AND RATIONING POWERS FOR THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ADEQUATE TO COPE WITH THE SOARING COST OF LIVING.

The President disclosed that specific legislation covering all the 10 points of the anti-inflation programme that he had announced three weeks ago would be delivered to Congress within the next two days.

President Truman proclaimed firmly that he wanted this programme completely fulfilled. It calls for price and wage control powers, the possible restoration of rationing, the allocation of scarce materials, the control of speculation on the commodity exchange, limitation of hire purchase credit and many other anti-inflation weapons.

"Anything short of it will be inadequate to do the job," the President added. If Congress provided him with these powers, there would be nothing totalitarian about it. It would merely be a "free Government approach" to the problem of soaring prices. —Reuter.

UNDERGRAD'S ESCAPE

Whitehaven, Dec. 12. An Oxford undergraduate, David Davies, 20, is recovering in hospital here today after falling 100 feet from Arrowhead Bridge on Great Gable. Despite his injuries, he walked half way down the mountain before obtaining assistance. —Reuter.

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EMPIRE UNITY

It would have been surprising if the presence in London for the Royal Wedding of leading Dominion personalities had not led to some form of inter-Empire discussions. What was wrong resided in the fact that they were entirely "free and informal" and did not last for more than an afternoon. We are told that there was an exchange of views on matters of common interest, "particularly in the field of international relations." With the Council of Foreign Ministers meeting on Germany, urgent reasons existed for discussing the latter. Whether the Council ends or ends the present phase of an Allied condominium in Germany. It is plain that the task before Mr. Bevin must be an exceptionally heavy one, and that he would be materially fortified in his performance were it clear that he could speak for the whole Commonwealth. Between the two was a constant source of weakness for British diplomacy that it could not so speak. History might have been different, had it been able to, it must not be supposed that a united Commonwealth diplomatic front can be taken for granted at the moment. The discussions on Palestine at Lake Success sufficiently show how far we are from it. On the Palestine Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, three of the Dominions—Canada, Australia and South Africa—voted unconditionally for the American proposal; which is to partition Palestine without making any provision for the burden of enforcement other than, in effect, to throw it on Great Britain. Only New Zealand took the line which surely they all ought to have taken, that she would not vote for partition unless the United Nations were prepared to organise an international force of its own, and transfer to it the heavy burden of implementation.

It is not only in the diplomatic field that increased co-operation is desirable between the Dominions and Great Britain. It is also desirable in the fields of economics and defence. The personnel present at the London meeting would admit of all three subjects being discussed, but in a conference limited to a single afternoon (and "informal" at that) no such discussion could get very far. It need not be useless, but it must fall far below what the situation demands. When the war ended there ought to have been a full Imperial Conference. It is a thousand pities that there was not, and that instead a decision was reached to discontinue them for the future. It is true that less formal consultation is active, and that air mails and long-distance telephones make it easier to conduct than it used to be. Yet the fact remains that in the highly exceptional circumstances of the post-war situation exceptional problems fall to be solved; and no isolated bilateral discussions between Great Britain and the individual Dominions can deal effectively with them. Take any of the main topics mentioned above—e.g., defence. Who can really deny that whereas it involves many matters—e.g., standardisation of armaments—which can be covered materially, there are others—e.g., the problem of re-allocating defence responsibilities between the member-countries—which call for a common consultation between all the members, and will never be satisfactorily dealt with otherwise? It is the same with the weakness in the Commonwealth structure, that the intercourse among the Dominions is so much less than that between them and their Mother Country. Canada and Australia may each be interested in Great Britain, but they do not appear greatly interested in one another. No doubt geographical and commercial reasons have had much to do with this separation. But political factors have contributed also, and by more political influence it could to a considerable extent be overcome. It will never be overcome if the tie of each Dominion to the Commonwealth becomes a tie to London only. The force of these considerations is increased and not diminished by the addition to the Commonwealth of new Dominions. For all the pre-existing Dominions except Canada, the new ones have a peculiar significance. Geographically, they are strategically South Africa, Pakistan, Ceylon and Australia lie (with Malaya) in a great circle round the Indian Ocean; which is also our main approach route to New Zealand. For the safety and peaceful development of these countries is most important. In that they should link their defence to what is the Commonwealth for if it does not provide a basis for their doing so.

It will be noticed that Canada lies outside that geographical grouping. Nor is that the only factor which is tending to give her a peculiar position. The policy of Mr. Mackenzie King

WESTMINSTER REVIEW

M.P.'s GESTURES IN INDEPENDENCE

By Roy Carleton

The House of Commons has again demonstrated that the present Parliament possesses more independence among its members than any other British Parliament in living memory. We saw it in the dangerously small margin by which the Govt. escaped defeat on the hue and cry over the basic petrol cut in which more Labour members joined as Govt. critics than the Cabinet ever anticipated as likely.

We saw it in Arthur Greenwood's candid characterisation of the Cabinet's House of Lords reform proposals as "linking" with the constitution instead of introducing steel nationalisation at once.

We saw it in the fierce criticisms by Mr. Edwards, Labour member, East Middlesex, of comrades who he was warning on the "fallacy" of proving a case against capitalism by proving a case for socialism in his effort to disavow the Govt. from even thinking about interfering with steel industry until it can satisfy the country that national control will produce better and cheaper steel by means of more efficient organisation.

Free Vote

We saw it in Mr. Bevin's chidings to certain Labour critics of his policy in Germany to whom he retorted, "Why so tender to these people who have waged two wars in our lifetime and who are fully aware of the price which they must pay to us who are acting not on motives of vindictiveness or revenge but on a policy of guaranteeing future safety?"

We saw it in the decision of the House of Commons to expel one of its members, Garry Allighan, for dishonourable conduct when many Labour members on a free vote followed the lead given by Mr. Churchill and rejected a plea for mercy from their own leader, Herbert Morrison. We saw it on the Opposition side when Mr. Churchill in course of the debate on the King's Speech publicly discarded the policy of his own party designed by Hudson and others and apparently firmly adopted at the Brighton Conservative Conference. And we saw it again in a letter to the Daily Herald from eight Labour members asking their own Govt. to adopt an entirely new policy to steady the cost of living and prevent profit-making from getting out of hand.

The debate on Germany produced in unusual interruption when Ahmed Kamon Koth, thirty-eight years old, President of the Socialist Farmers' Party in Egypt, suddenly shouted from the gallery: "Mister President, Ladies and gentlemen I have to stand here raising my voice asking for freedom for my country, and equally that of whoever succeeds him at Ottawa—is bound to take account of two ever-growing special influences. One is that a common defence is interest with the United States. The widening of war's horizons has made it impossible to regard either Canada or the United States, vast though they are, as defensive units. The unit cannot be anything less than the half-hemisphere. The great electoral power of the French-Canadians, which is steadily expanded by their high birth-rate. It may be doubted whether any future Canadian Premier will be able to escape dependence on Mr. Mackenzie King does, on the French vote; and if so, that vote will always handicap any strengthening of the Commonwealth connection. It is not disparaging Canada's attitude in any way that her immense services are frozen in the memory of us all; to recognize the above facts and reconcile ourselves to their consequences. We shall probably be wise to modify our existing hypothesis of a uniform relation towards all Dominions. At present the Commonwealth badly needs a conference, and cannot have one, because Canada does not want it. An "Eastern Hemisphere Defence Conference," or something of the kind, is too necessary to be let wait much longer.

Even in dealing with the other Dominions we must beware of trying in any way to force the pace. It is a caution which applies particularly to talk about defence. One cannot avoid respecting the federalist and federalist argument; but equally one cannot overlook the Dominions' deep-seated aversion to it. As things are, to talk of defence is to talk of the Commonwealth's not being a federation means, in effect, to make a mockery of the policy of Mr. Mackenzie King

and as they removed him we could hear him continuing to shout for "Freedom" and "Long live the Nile Valley."

Speech Stopped

Nobody made any further comment on this sudden scene, but Mr. Bevin used it as an excuse for abruptly concluding his speech explaining the present policy of dismantling Germany's war potential factories and defending the decision to exclude Germany from the Marshall plan because Eastern European countries like Poland fear it would otherwise place Germany in a preferential position against their war-scarred industrial economy. This particular debate produced another rustle among members when Sir Ralph Glynn, Conservative, Abingdon, who was a member of the Estimates sub-committee which has just visited Germany, spoke warmly of his astonishment which was shared by other members at finding that no branch of the German Control Commission is responsible for checking out huge expenditure (eighty million pounds per year) on feeding our enemies. He had the support of members on both sides of the House when he demanded a proper organisation be set up under Treasury rules to officially supervise how goods bought with our money are distributed.

Naval Cuts

Similar semi-agreement by many Labour members with something said on the Opposition side of Chamber was forthcoming during the debate on the cuts in naval establishment. Mr. Alexander had rather a stormy reception when he cleared up the previous week's scare story about the drastic temporary reduction in the strength of the Home Fleet but the House was less interested in what he had to say than it was in "revelations" by Vice-Admiral Taylor, Conservative, South Paddington, to the effect that the turrets of two battleships, HMS Anson and Howe, will not work at all and that HMS Duke of York has only one turret that can be fired. Coming so soon after publication of official dispatches showing that in battle against the German battleship Bismarck our own ship Prince of Wales

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

According to the "Naval and Military Gazette," there may be a modification of the Staff at Hong Kong. It is to be the command of a Colonel of the Staff, in lieu of a Major-General.

The Barque "Hermes," which left for San Francisco five months ago, reaching Hong Kong on Sunday afternoon, having only proceeded as far as the Sandwich Islands. She brings dates from the Islands to the 2nd of last month, up to which we have files of the "Polynesian" and "Sandwich Islands News."

The "Hermes" reports that the "Richard" and "William" "Emma" and "Wilhelmina" had put into Honolulu to refuel, the two former having made a long passage and encountered very bad weather. The "Wilhelmina" had got down in 37 days. The three vessels had sailed for San Francisco before the "Hermes" left, and two American ships were to sail for the same destination in a few days from Oahu.

Trade in the Islands was very dull and stocks of all sorts of goods were unusually heavy. The "Hermes" brings back the bulk of her cargo—rice and sugar—both articles being cheaper at the Islands than in China at the present time.

Since writing the above we have been informed that the reason of the "Hermes" light cargo having been disposed of, in consequence of an information made to the supercargo by the American Consul at that place, that the Sacramento was strictly blockaded against all but vessels of the U.S. Flag, and that no British goods, or British bottom could enter the river under any circumstances.

had to turn away from enemy fire after HMS Hood was sunk because of its feared defective gun turrets, the matter disturbed members rather a lot.

High spot of the debate on the King's Speech was the full-blooded slogging match between Mr. Churchill and Mr. Morrison with Mr. Attlee coming into the ring later on to deliver some more vigorous punches on the same tough antagonist. My space will not permit me to mention all the excellent plums these three men pulled out of their oratorical pies but one might summarise them by saying that Mr. Churchill declared that the Govt.'s housing programme had collapsed, that coal nationalisation had failed, that America had done better than Britain by removing controls, that the attack on the House of Lords was the result of a cheap and disreputable deal over steel between nonentities in the Cabinet, that you could not build a big export trade on a starve home market and that the sovereign remedy is to establish a basic standard of life for Labour, provide basic food for all, set the people free and get out of the way and let the best man win.

Punch For Punch

To which Mr. Morrison gave back punch for punch by comparing the Govt.'s record of 226,000 houses in the two years since the war with 36,000 houses built in two years after the first world war, by asking Mr. Churchill point-blank whether he really wants the coal industry to return to its pre-war state, by challenging anybody to prove what the competitive system is actually achieving in uncontrolled America, where the cost of living has gone up eighty per cent but production has only increased sixty per cent, that the story of a Cabinet deal over steel was "absolutely wrong" because the Bill amending the Lords' powers had been considered by Cabinet twelve months ago and that Mr. Churchill's "Set the people free" slogan sounded a contradiction of the policy of the Conservative Industrial Charter, and his effort to put the blame for all our troubles on Labour shoulders did not line up with his own prophecy in America in 1944 that on the day war ended, Britain would be bankrupt without Lease-Lend. Mr. Attlee's subsequent rear-guard action was aimed at showing up Mr. Churchill's inconsistencies in attacking the Govt. for not giving the nation enough food and at the same time blaming them for spending too much on food from abroad and for demanding a reduction of the armed forces while simultaneously demanding policies abroad which justified an increase.

Mr. Attlee put Mr. Churchill in a predicament by suddenly shouting out: Would you do away with food rationing? which brought Winston to his feet to reply, "I was striking the note of set the people free. When you have loaded them with chains all the shackles cannot be struck off at once."

Not Comfortable

The Opposition were not too comfortable about Churchillian policy but breathed more easily when he scored a humorous bulls-eye over a curious statement recently by Mr. Gaitskell, Mr. Shinwell's successor at the Ministry of Fuel and Power, when he tried to persuade people to economise on fuel by saying "Personally I have never had a great many baths myself," on which Winston made a devastating comment: "When Ministers of the Crown speak like this on behalf of the Govt., the Prime Minister and his friends have no need to wonder why they are getting into bad odour."

Encouraged by a roar of appreciation, Winston sallied still more gallantly into this theme by innocently conjecturing whether the Speaker would permit him to use the term lousy "not in a contemptuous sense, but as a word of factual narration." Back stage enquiries are now in full swing over the fright given to the Govt. while by the rules of the basic petrol cut and Mr. Butler Eds is particularly unhappy about it. He was only recently appointed Deputy Leader of the House and this was his first big test. When it became obvious that the Commons was badly rattled on all sides over this issue, Mr. Churchill offered the suggestion that a vote on the issue should not be forced just yet but the debate should be deferred for a month.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Well, when the minister said 'for richer or poorer,' you agreed, didn't you?"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

BUILD SQUEEZE FORMAT

In the making of a contract that requires a squeeze play, the declarer often is utterly unable to tell that his effort will pan out. He may not have an accurate enough reading of the opposing cards to know that a particular member of the defending pair has the job of protecting his side against both of the suits involved. Maybe one defender can guard one suit and his partner the other, in which event the squeeze try fails. But if the declarer knows his squeeze format and builds one of them at the crucial stage, he at least gives himself a chance to have the squeeze succeed.

S. K Q 10 7 6 4	S. 9 2
H. Q J 9	H. K 10 6
D. A 5	D. K Q 6
C. 5 2	C. J 8 7 3

S. A J 8 5	S. 9 8 3 2
H. A 8 7 5	H. A J 7 2
D. 4	D. 2
C. A K Q 4	C. A Q 9
North	West
1 S	Pass
3 S	Pass
5 D	Pass

The Blackwood response having told him North had the diamond A, South reckoned North probably held at least six spades to the K-Q in order to open the bidding and rebid the suit, since he himself had the A-J. As he was shooting for a top in the pair duplicate, he decided to chance a No Trump grand slam instead of the easier one in spades. After West led the unbreakable club 9, he saw that all grand slammers would have to find the heart K with East. If that was the case, the spade

chance would be a cinch by ruffing one diamond, and discarding the heart 9 on a club. But he, in No Trump, could not ruff, so had to try a squeeze. Winning the club lead with the A, he led a spade to dummy and brought out the heart Q, which East covered. The A won, then he led to the diamond A, scored the heart J and ran his spades. He had figured out a squeeze format whereby he left the club K-Q 4 and heart 8 in his own hand and the final spade plus one card each of the other suits in the dummy. With that setup, if the defender with four clubs originally also held the heart 10, the squeeze with the final spade would work when South discarded the heart 8 from his own hand—regardless of which defender was being harassed. It happened that East, with the heart 10, also had the club length and discarded one of the suit. When the heart 10 failed to appear on that trick, South then led to his clubs and scored all three of them.

S. K J 10 5	S. 9 8 3 2
H. 6 4 3	H. A J 7 2
D. J 10 6	D. 2
C. 8 6 2	C. A Q 9

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)
Against South's 3-No Trumps, after the heart K and A win, what would you return in the East?

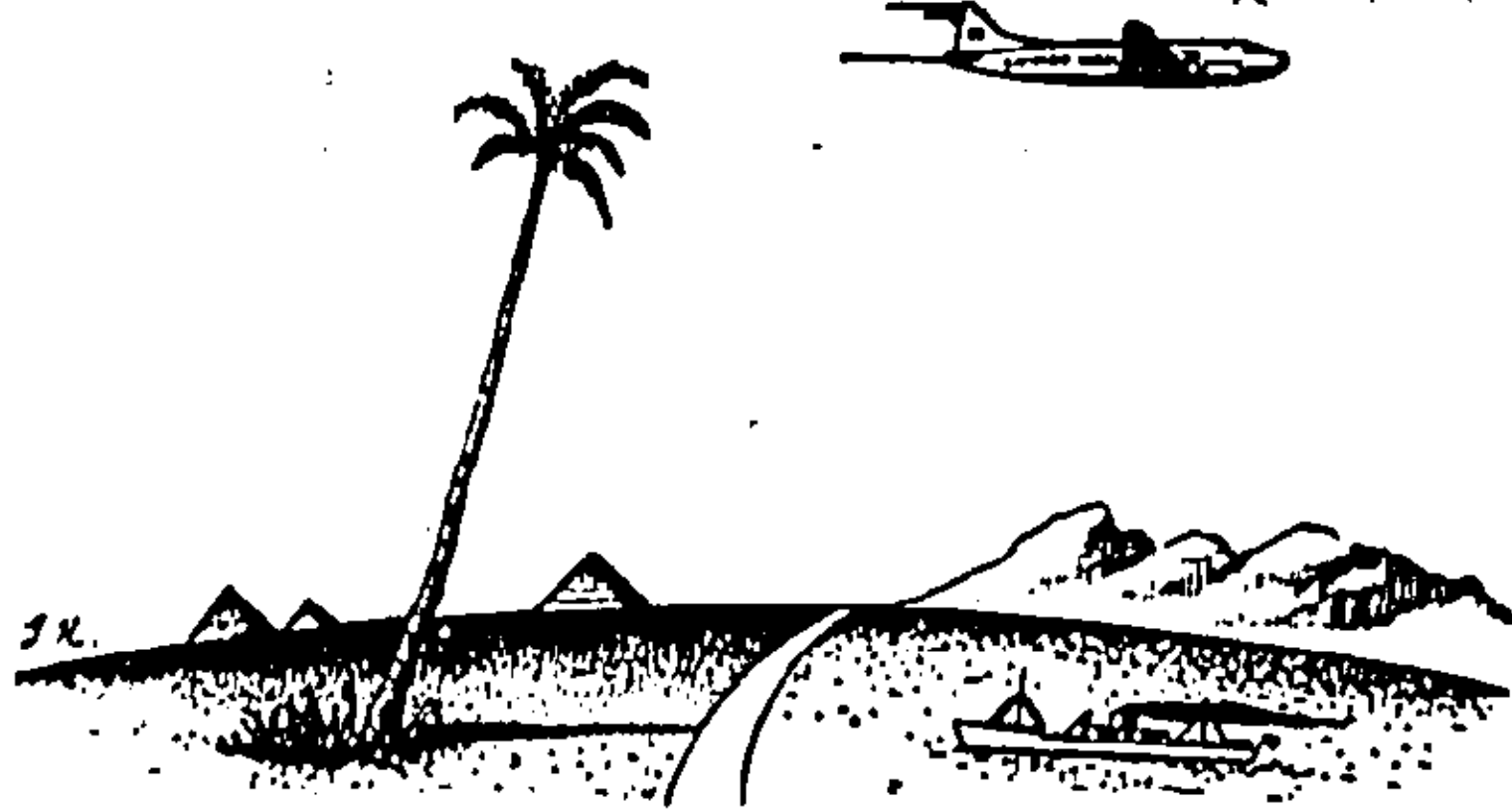
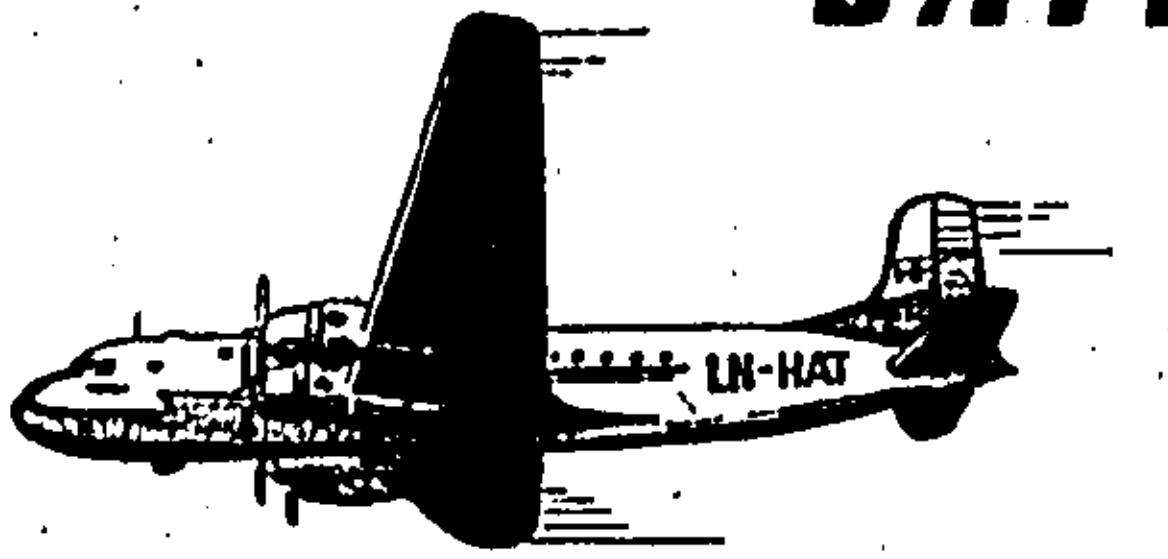
German Delegation To London

London, Dec. 12. The 17-man delegation from the "German People's Congress," held in Berlin last week-end under the auspices of the Socialist Unity Party, has applied to the Foreign Office for visas. The application will be passed to the Four Power Control Council in Berlin for its recommendation on the delegation's "suitability" to visit Britain with the intention of placing its view before the Council of Foreign Ministers. It is unlikely, a Foreign Office spokesman said tonight, that the Control Council will report favourably since the Western Powers doubt whether the delegation represents any substantial portion of the German people. The Labour Party today endorsed a motion "dissociating itself from a message sent by some of its members supporting the Congress."—Reuter.

pany with twenty-two other countries signed agreements at Geneva which will result in important lowering of tariff barriers between them all. America is among that twenty-two and Mr. Wilson has killed advance criticisms with the assurance that none of our concessions on Imperial Preference has been made without corresponding equivalent concessions from the United States. The whole thing is being hailed as one of the finest contributions to the future well-being of the world since the end of the war.

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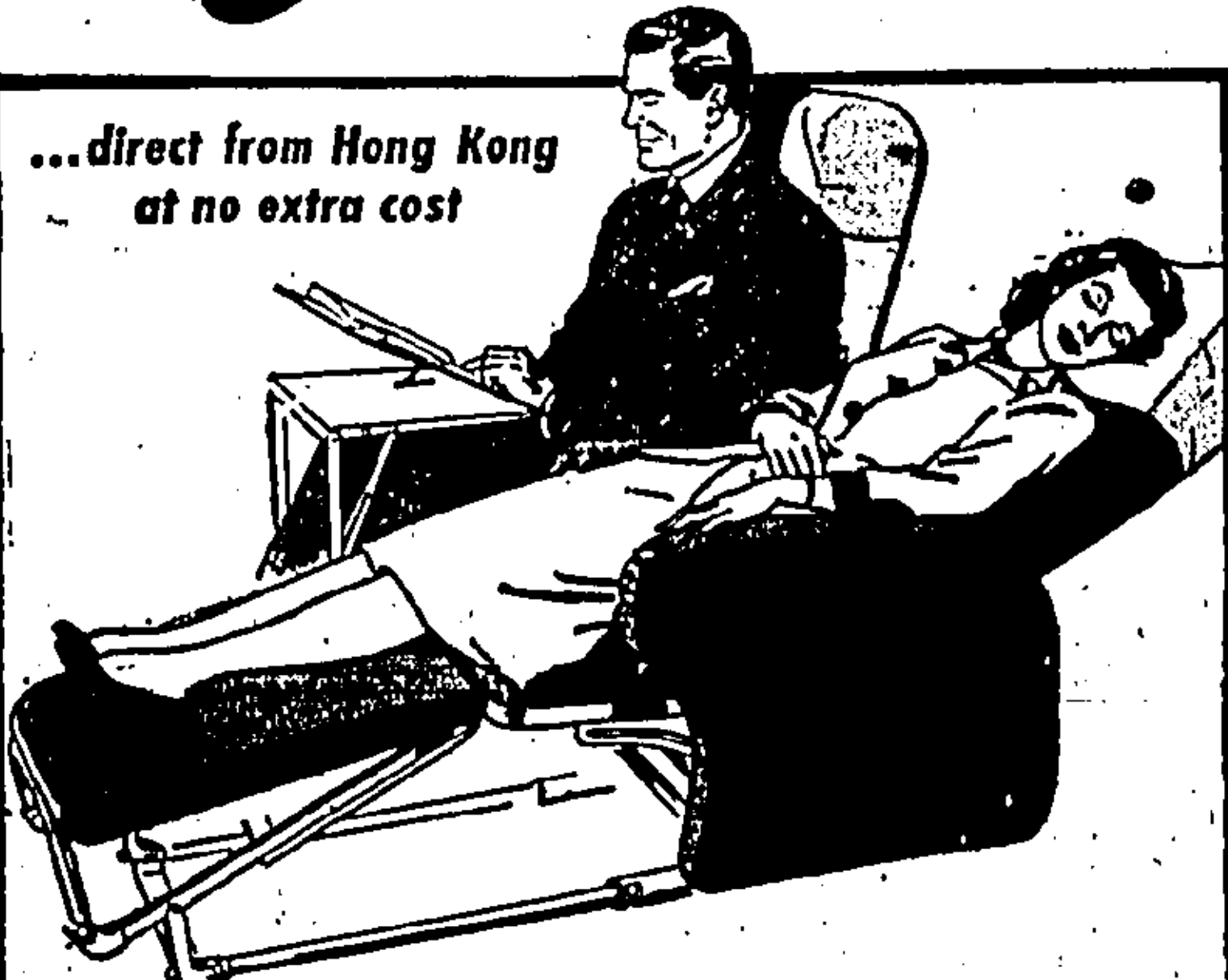
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SOVIET GRAIN FOR BRITAIN

Agreement In Trade Talks In Moscow

Exchanges Of Goods

London, Dec. 11.
Britain will get a substantial quantity of coarse grain from the Russian 1947 harvest under the Anglo-Soviet trade agreement, Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, announced to a cheering House of Commons today.

Further cheers greeted the fact that there had been an agreement in principle on the "whole range of subjects covered."

There would be no payment by either side in hard or scarce currency.

The contract for the shipment of grain included an agreement on quantities, prices and detailed terms.

In addition to immediate supply of certain goods from Britain, provision was made for a Soviet importing organisation to enter into contracts with appropriate British firms for the supply of engineering equipment from Britain.

"We also agreed that next May there should be a further discussion to prepare long-term supply arrangements over a wider range of goods providing for a balanced programme of trade between the two countries."

Long-Term

"Our aim was to secure a long-term balance in trade and financial transactions between our two countries."

Mr. Wilson added that the talks were conducted in a friendly atmosphere.

Replying to questions, the President of the Board of Trade said that an agreement in principle had been reached on the terms of payment of the British credit advanced in 1941, the details of which would be announced later.

Amid Labour cheers, Mr. Wilson stated that the Soviet Vice-Premier and Minister of Foreign Trade, M. Anastas Mikoyan, had told him that when the contracts were signed, the grain would be available for shipment at Black Sea ports within two or three weeks.

He said that the quantity and price of the grain was fixed between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. yesterday.

The agreement was warmly welcomed by Mr. Anthony Eden, the deputy leader of the Opposition.

Contracts Ready

Mr. Wilson told another questioner that timber was discussed to a very great extent but he was not anxious to enter into an immediate agreement because among other things, the timber shipping ports were already frozen.

When the talks were resumed next May, timber would then come up and the Government hoped to negotiate a satisfactory agreement for the shipment of such timber as might be made available.

The President of the Board of Trade said that they had the contracts ready and terms

and conditions had been agreed. It was just a question of settling quantities and price.

Mr. Wilson said that the British Ambassador was now working with the Soviet side drafting the terms of a formal agreement which both sides hoped would be ready for signature, together with the contracts for the supply of grain and certain British goods, in the near future.

Yugoslavia

In Belgrade, a highly-placed Yugoslav official stated that the only remaining obstacle in the Anglo-Yugoslav trade talks was Britain's inability to guarantee delivery dates.

All other stumbling blocks were "more or less" removed. Fixed delivery dates were essential for the Yugoslav five-year plan, he said, and indefinite waiting for promised machinery would "throw the entire industrial plan out of gear."

The talks began in London in August. Yugoslavia is offering maize, fats and other foodstuffs, and timber in exchange for engineering and heavy industrial plants.—Reuter.

Hitler To Be Tried!

Frankfurt, Dec. 12.
Denazification proceedings are to be taken against Hitler and Eva Braun to clear up questions about the disposal of their estates.

Under the denazification law those convicted as "major offenders" are liable to confiscation of their estates.

If Hitler and Eva Braun as well as other Nazi leaders who died before being tried are legally classified as "major offenders," valuable property said to be worth many millions of marks will become available.—Reuter.

TOSCANINI A SENATOR

Milan, Dec. 11.
The newspaper Milano Sera said today that Arturo Toscanini, world famous orchestra conductor, is among the five Italians whom President Enrico de Nicola will name Senators. Toscanini is now in the United States.

The Constitution, now almost complete, provides that the President may choose five Italians who have made Italy famous in the fields of science, sociology, arts and letters as life members of the Senate.—Associated Press.

Workmen raise a section of the stainless steel parapet guard which will be erected on the 86th floor observatory of the Empire State Building, New York, as a physical barrier against suicides. The parapet will rise seven feet above the floor of the 43-foot promenade encircling the observatory, and will be 1,050 feet above street level. (AP Photo)

KRUPPS SOLD PLANS TO JAPAN IN 1920

Nuremberg, Dec. 12.
Plans for submarine construction were sold to Japan by the Krupp armaments combine as early as 1920, two years after the first world war, it was disclosed here today to the American War Crimes Court which is hearing charges of aggression, plunder and slavery against 12 former high officials of the giant firm.

The construction of submarines in Japan on these plans was supervised by engineers from the Germania and Vulkan shipyards, both belonging to Krupp.

It was stated that with the approval of the German Admiralty the submarine construction bureau was founded, disguised as a Dutch firm with its seat at the Hague so that practical experience of submarines with foreign navies could be obtained.

In Sweden

At the end of 1923 the German Navy was working with various foreign navies on experiments with electrically driven torpedoes—experiments which Germany had to abandon in 1918.

The German firms succeeded in 1927 in co-operating with the Swedish Navy on experiments of this nature with the tacit support of the German Admiralty, according to evidence.

In spite of the limitations placed upon rebuilding by the Versailles Treaty, the preparations had advanced so well that three and a half months after

No Dividends

At the meeting to coordinate factory experience in 1940, the Krupp representative said: "It should not be forgotten that Krupp after the world war could keep its factories going only with great difficulty including the using up of our reserves and the Krupp family sacrificing all dividends."

The representative said that these developments cost the company \$50,000,000 marks and consequently Krupp were short of the amount of money required to carry out further extensions.—Reuter.

Fulham, Dec. 12.

The City Council is buying the local war-bombed Congregational Church for extension to the town's bath and washhouse centre.—Reuter.

SIGNING NEXT WEEK

Moscow, Dec. 11.
The Anglo-Soviet trade agreement, news of which was splashed in all Moscow papers tonight, will probably be signed in a week or 10 days.

At the moment, the position is that certain heads of agreement have been reached, including a number of agreed clauses, but considerable work is still necessary on the draft agreement.

Four members of the British mission have remained in Moscow to clear up the details of the agreement, which they should be able to do in a 10-day period unless unforeseen obstacles arise. These members are continuing their meetings with their Soviet opposite numbers today.—Reuter.

Foreign Exchange Decision

NANKING, DEC. 12.
THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL DECIDED AT A MEETING LAST NIGHT TO GRANT IMPORTERS FOREIGN EXCHANGE AT THE OPEN MARKET RATES FOR IMPORTS OF FLOUR, WHEAT, RICE, COTTON, COAL AND FERTILISER, WITH A VIEW TO RELIEVING THE SHORTAGE OF THESE DAILY NECESSITIES IN THE COUNTRY.

It was also decided at the meeting that the Government will largely purchase such native products as soy beans, bristles, tung oil and tea from private merchants with the aim of increasing the Government's foreign exchange reserves.

Finally the Council resolved that priority should be given industrial enterprises through the sales of stocks and shares. One economic expert told Reuters that Government control of the market by means of the suspension of loans will cause large-scale unemployment.—Reuter—APP.

TOSCANINI A SENATOR

Milan, Dec. 11.
The newspaper Milano Sera said today that Arturo Toscanini, world famous orchestra conductor, is among the five Italians whom President Enrico de Nicola will name Senators. Toscanini is now in the United States.

The Constitution, now almost complete, provides that the President may choose five Italians who have made Italy famous in the fields of science, sociology, arts and letters as life members of the Senate.—Associated Press.



Workmen raise a section of the stainless steel parapet guard which will be erected on the 86th floor observatory of the Empire State Building, New York, as a physical barrier against suicides. The parapet will rise seven feet above the floor of the 43-foot promenade encircling the observatory, and will be 1,050 feet above street level. (AP Photo)

KRUPPS SOLD PLANS TO JAPAN IN 1920

Nuremberg, Dec. 12.
Plans for submarine construction were sold to Japan by the Krupp armaments combine as early as 1920, two years after the first world war, it was disclosed here today to the American War Crimes Court which is hearing charges of aggression, plunder and slavery against 12 former high officials of the giant firm.

The construction of submarines in Japan on these plans was supervised by engineers from the Germania and Vulkan shipyards, both belonging to Krupp.

It was stated that with the approval of the German Admiralty the submarine construction bureau was founded, disguised as a Dutch firm with its seat at the Hague so that practical experience of submarines with foreign navies could be obtained.

In Sweden

At the end of 1923 the German Navy was working with various foreign navies on experiments with electrically driven torpedoes—experiments which Germany had to abandon in 1918.

The German firms succeeded in 1927 in co-operating with the Swedish Navy on experiments of this nature with the tacit support of the German Admiralty, according to evidence.

In spite of the limitations placed upon rebuilding by the Versailles Treaty, the preparations had advanced so well that three and a half months after

Hitler denounced the disarmament clauses of the Treaty in 1935, no fewer than 12 submarines were in service with fully trained crews.

No Dividends

At the meeting to coordinate factory experience in 1940, the Krupp representative said: "It should not be forgotten that Krupp after the world war could keep its factories going only with great difficulty including the using up of our reserves and the Krupp family sacrificing all dividends."

The representative said that these developments cost the company \$50,000,000 marks and consequently Krupp were short of the amount of money required to carry out further extensions.—Reuter.

Fulham, Dec. 12.
The City Council is buying the local war-bombed Congregational Church for extension to the town's bath and washhouse centre.—Reuter.



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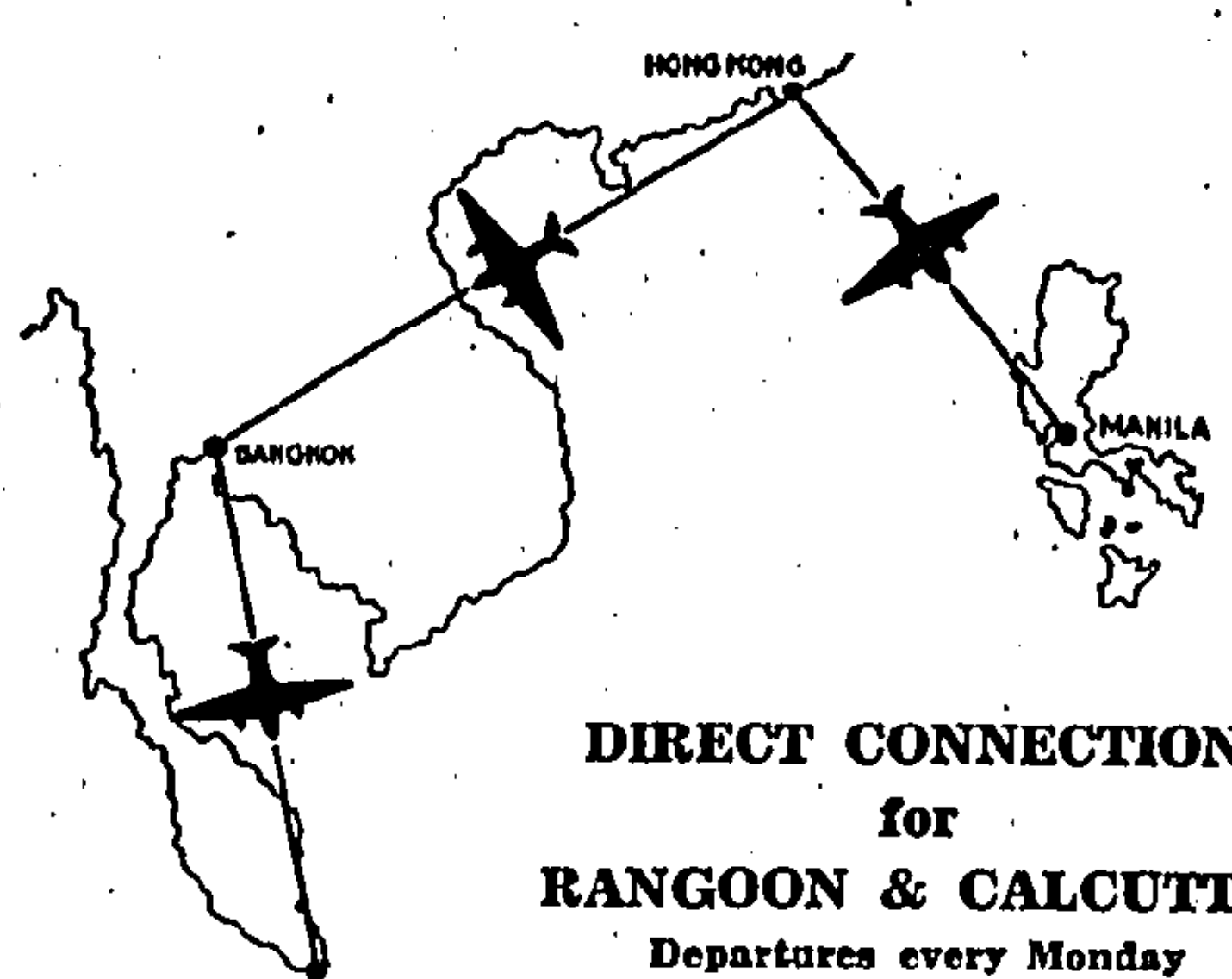


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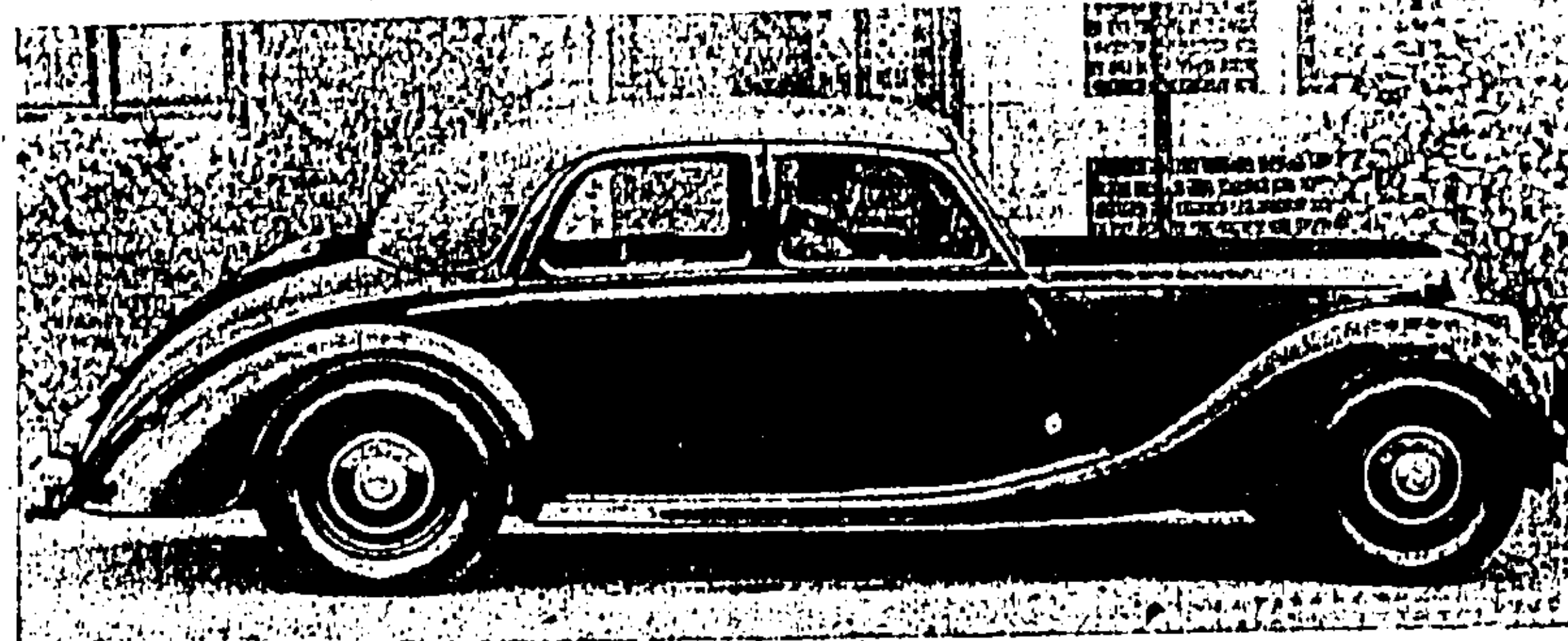
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The Riley 2½-Litre * Data



The name "Riley" has always meant something more than that of just another good English car, and a short run in a new 2½-litre which has just arrived here shows that this famous marque has now a worthy successor to the Nine, Twelve and Sixteen of pre-war days. Excellent road-holding, more than average passenger comfort and apparently tireless, fast motoring over all surfaces and under all conditions—that is the Riley of today.



Hong Kong owner who intends to sit in the back seat and let a ham-fisted chauffeur do his motoring for him; such an owner will be far happier with one of the more bus-like, less expensive cars. On the other hand, for the man who likes to drive, to feel he has a thoroughbred responsive to his every touch, who wants comfort combined with a performance second to none, it would be difficult to find a car better suited to his purpose and taste.

Concerning its performance, it is, perhaps, sufficient to say that the famous Healey car has the same engine as the Riley 2½-litre. A slightly higher compression, a more streamlined body, and the Healey does over 110 miles an hour on ordinary petrol. Selling for only half the price, and with several exclusive features making for greater comfort, the Riley 2½-litre has been officially tested and found to have a maximum speed of 105 miles an hour—which is not crawling.

Not that it is a sports car

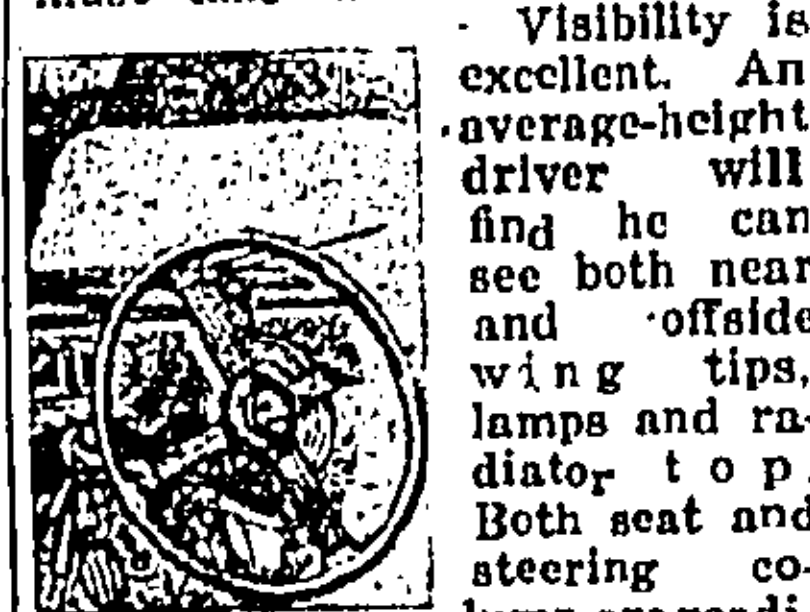
pure and simple. It is a comfortable, roomy saloon, fitted with a number of "luxuries" which are not even dreamed of on the other side of the Pacific. Its top-gear performance, thanks to Riley's clever balance between power and weight (65 BHP per ton), is equal to that of the big American 8s; it will crawl along in top at 10 miles an hour and pull steadily away to maximum speed without labouring.

Road-Holding

From the photograph accompanying this article, it will be seen that the Riley is a low, aerodynamically lined car, conservative yet modern in appearance. One's initial impression is that here is a car which will hold the road no matter how hard it is driven—and this is borne out in practice. With its low centre of gravity, a body only four inches wider than it is high, and a minimum clearance over the ground of about 6 inches, it is nonetheless not a small sports car, for it has an overall length of 15½ feet and three can sit in comfort in the rear seat.

The springing is not exactly of the "feather-bed" variety, as one must sacrifice something in

the interests of improved road-ability; nevertheless, it is by no means hard or harsh, and potholes, bumps and other surface excrescences are smoothed out in no uncertain fashion. The Riley system of independent front-wheel suspension—torsion bars and wishbones—must take the credit for this.



ly adjustable and, although, contrary to modern tendency, the Riley has a V-shaped windscreen, the centre column does not interfere with the driver's vision. Indeed, thanks to its pronounced sloping, he finds himself sitting closer to the windscreen than is usual, with the result that the blindspot created by the pillars at the sides is reduced to a minimum.

From the front, the 2½-litre has not changed basically; in Riley appearance. The radiator is slightly more "streamlined," and, in keeping with modern taste, the headlamps are faired into the wings; but it is still the Riley that one knew, and admired, in pre-war days. The bonnet, incidentally, is locked by a carriage-type key kept in a sort of holster just inside the driver's door—a useful feature in a place like Hong Kong.

In cooler climates, the absence of any fluting on the sides of the bonnet is probably a good thing. In the course of a long run in hot weather, however, it is probable that the driver's feet will grow somewhat warm in say, the southern United States or Malaya, and it may be that some additional means of letting the heat escape from the engine compartment would be preferable. Louvers scooping air in around the feet of the front-seat passengers are provided and these, plus the fact that the driver's half of the windscreen opens, are probably quite sufficient in non-tropical countries.

The Interior

So far as the interior of the car is concerned, the Riley is well above the average in upholstery and appointments. A walnut dashboard (with Jaeger instruments) is fitted, with a long shelf beneath it for maps, gloves, etc. Semi-bucket-type front seats are quickly adjustable.

The low ground clearance makes the presence of a well for the feet inevitable at the back, but there is ample room even for those who take an outsize in shoes. Rear-seat passengers will like the twin ashtrays and the large pockets, with buttoned flaps, fitted behind the front seats, as well as the comfortably shaped foot-rests.

As the Riley is definitely a car that can be cornered at speed, it is probable that a back seat passenger would prefer a centre arm-rest, especially if he is sitting by himself. None is fitted at present, though doubtless Riley would oblige if a demand for it was voiced in sufficient numbers.

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Make and Model:—Riley 2½-litre 4-door saloon: fixed head.
Engine:—Four-cylinder OHV engine, with hemispherical head; 2,443 cc., 16 rated HP, developing 90 BHP at 4,300 RPM; compression ratio, 6.5 to 1; twin SU carburettors; mechanical fuel feed from 12½-gal. petrol tank at rear.

Transmission:—Four-speed synchromesh and reverse gearbox; final drive ratios, 4.11, 5.81, 8.85 and 15 to 1; torque-tube transmission; spiral bevel rear axle 4.11 to 7.

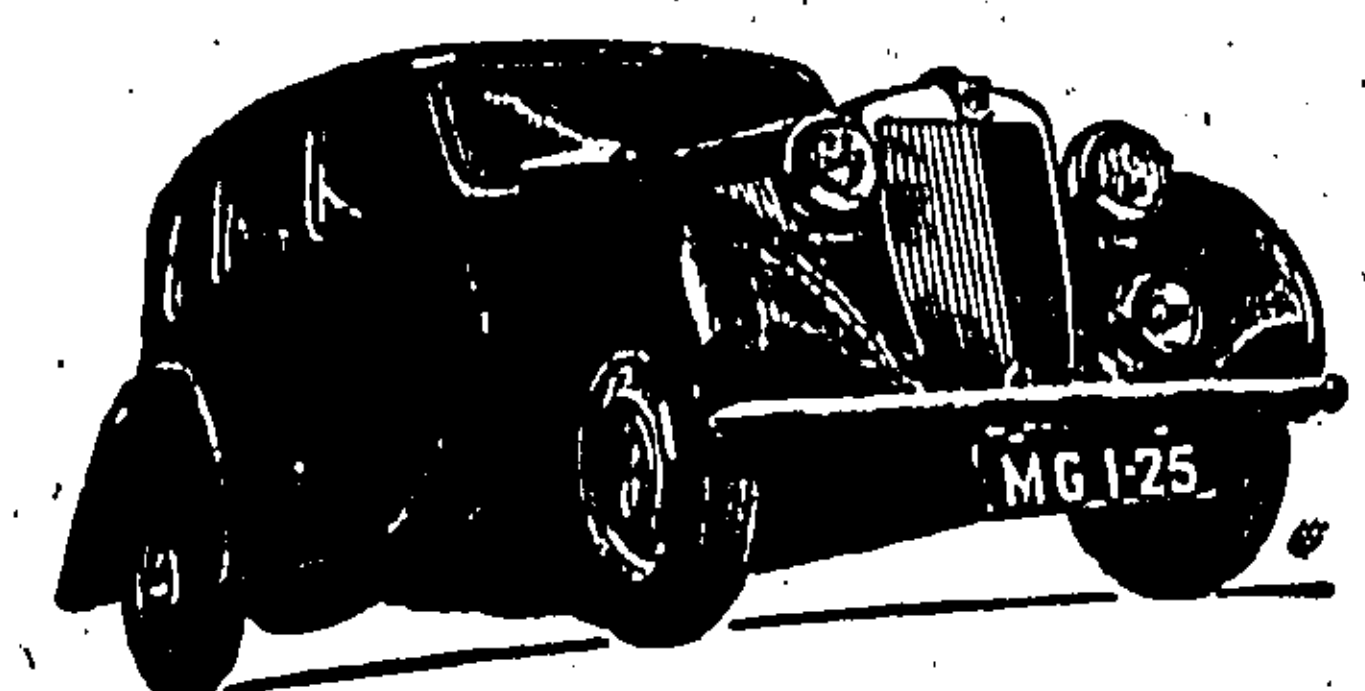
Suspension:—Independent torsion-bar front; half-elliptic leaf springs rear; hydraulic suspension control; disc wheels, fitted with 6.00 in. X 16 in. Dunlop tires.

Electrical system:—12-volt, positive earth wiring.
Brakes:—Girling, hydraulic on front wheels, mechanical on rear wheels.

Dimensions:—Overall length, 15 ft. 6 in.; wheel base, 9 ft. 11 in.; track, 4 ft. 4 in.; overall height, 4 ft. 11 in.; turning circle, 36 ft.; weight, 28 cwt.

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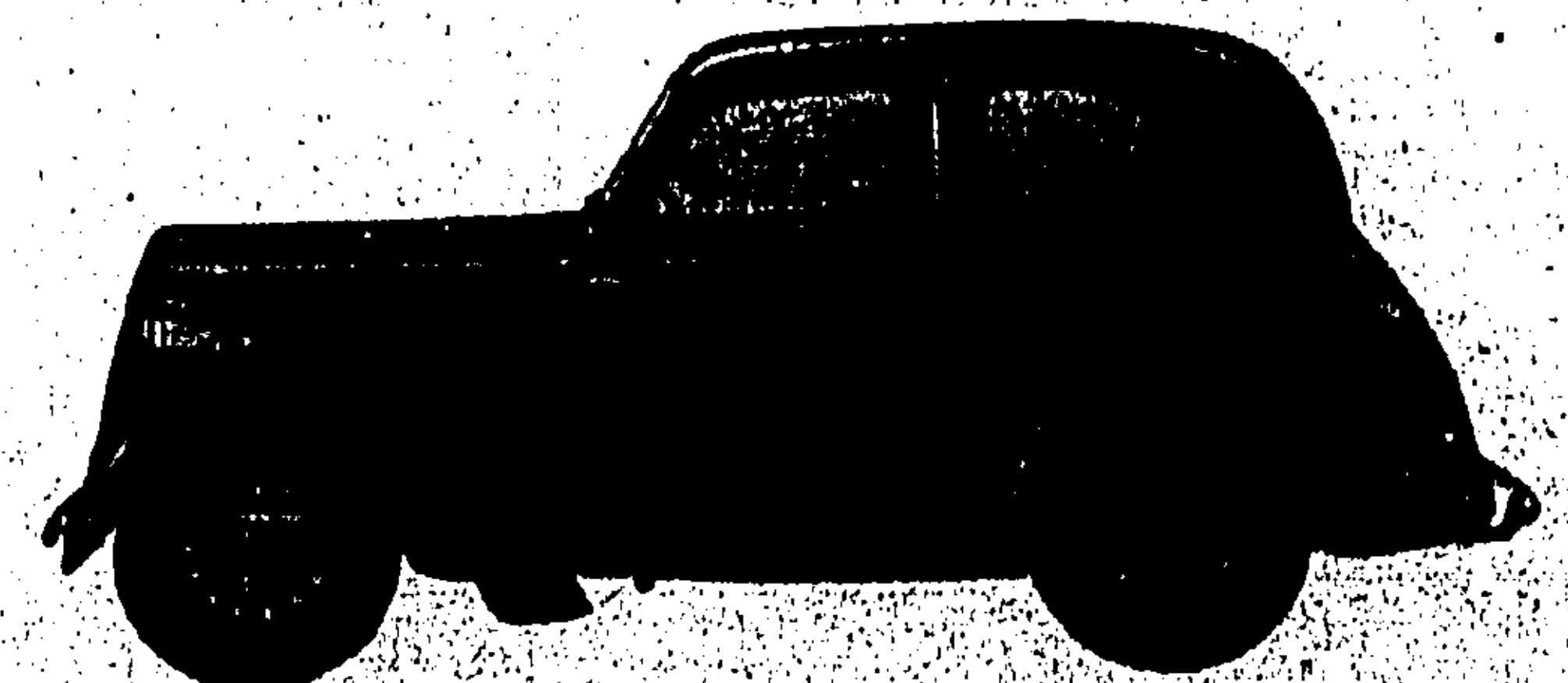
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AUGUST PALESTINE DEADLINE Britain's Appeal For Tolerance

London, Dec. 11. The British Government's decision to evacuate all troops from Palestine by Aug. 1, 1948, was announced in the House of Commons tonight by Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones, Colonial Secretary and Minister responsible for Palestine.

Mr. Creech-Jones, who was opening a two-day debate on the future of Palestine, appealed vehemently to Arabs and Jews to prevent passions from becoming inflamed, saying that reprisals leading to further reprisals would produce chaos with disastrous effects.

"If illegal immigrant traffic is encouraged during the next few months, a grave situation will arise," he added.

The Colonial Secretary insisted that there was nothing in Britain's mandate which entitled her to impose by force a solution unacceptable to either community in Palestine. The United Nations had declared in favour of partition and the end of the mandate. Britain accepted this as the decision of the court of international opinion.

But Britain had made it quite clear at the United Nations meetings that she would not carry the sole, or major, responsibility for the changes involving a settlement by force of arms.

Mood Of The People

Britain had sought by various ways to move towards a unitary state in Palestine, but a special committee of the United Nations declared by a majority in favour of partition, leading to independence, and the British Govern-

ment without loss of time announced their readiness to surrender the mandate.

Britain had been criticised for refusing to be "entangled" into accepting responsibility for maintaining by force of arms any scheme agreed upon, but this was contrary to the principles laid down by the British Government, and he was confident that the decision to withdraw was in accordance with the mood of the British people, as well as politically wise.

"We are now quite properly transferring authority to the appropriate international authority," Mr. Creech-Jones declared. "It is not for Britain to take up again the heavy commitments of bringing new order into being in face of new conflicts."

Disturbing

Recalling that the new plan was bitterly opposed by a strong minority of the United Nations, the Colonial Secretary said that it was disturbing that the United Nations Commission would be undertaking its task in Palestine with inadequate support. The British delegation at the United Nations had throughout stressed the need for such support.

In conclusion, Mr. Creech-Jones declared that Britain had received little gratitude and been "shamefully treated" for the great part she had played in developing Palestine. Britain would lay down the mandate with regret, and with a prayer that the people of the Holy Land, while retaining their separate independence, would join together in making their country prosperous and happy.

Opening the debate for the Opposition, Mr. Oliver Stanley, former Colonial Secretary, supported the Government's decision to lay down the mandate.

Tragic

He said that he himself favoured partition, but was critical of the scheme produced by the United Nations. It was tragic that after Britain had done so much in Palestine she had to withdraw now, but there was no alternative.

"The most important thing of all is to get out as soon as we possibly can," Mr. Stanley declared.

He demanded that the Government should fix a definite date now for handing over the mandate, adding: "Nothing except that will bring to the United Nations the sense of urgency which this problem demands."

Mr. Ivor Thomas, former Labour Under-Secretary for Colonies, criticised the decision of the United Nations and feared that they would be discredited by adopting this so-called solution to the Palestine problem.

The debate is expected to continue throughout today and again tomorrow.—Reuter.

LORDS BILL PASSED

London, Dec. 11. The House of Commons last night passed the Parliament Bill which reduces the delaying powers of the House of Lords from two years to one.

An Opposition amendment for the rejection of the Bill was defeated by 240 votes to 188, and the Bill was given a final third reading.

The battle of the Government versus the Lords now passes to the Upper Chamber.—Reuter.

WAR GRAVES

London, Dec. 11. The Imperial War Graves Commission will announce tomorrow on behalf of the Government of the British Commonwealth that the period during which soldiers and airmen dying on service can be accorded War Graves recognition by the Commission will end on Dec. 31, 1947.

The responsibility of the Com-

23 Dead In Air Crash

WESTOVER, MASS., DEC. 11. THE AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND ANNOUNCED TONIGHT THAT 23 OCCUPANTS WERE KILLED AND THERE WERE SIX SURVIVORS IN THE AMERICAN SKYMASTER WHICH CRASHED ELEVEN KILOMETRES NORTH OF GOOSE BAY, LABRADOR, ON TUESDAY NIGHT.

The reports of casualties were given by a doctor at the scene of the crash. One helicopter, carrying doctors and medical supplies, landed within half a mile of the scene, despite hard driving snow through which the land rescue parties were also struggling with dog teams were rough country on the bleak Labrador coast.

The plane had plunged flaming earthwards in forested, hilly country; that could not be reached by air or ground for nearly 24 hours.—Reuter.

The mission will not extend to the graves or the commemoration of members of H.M. forces who died after that date.—Reuter.

The Riley 2½-Litre

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The jacking-system deserves special mention. It was always a nuisance to crawl under a car to place the jack under an axle. With a car that hugs the ground as the Riley does, it is almost impossible. Special sockets are now fitted under the bumper over-riders at both front and back in all Riley models.

To jack up a wheel, one merely withdraws a rubber plug from the appropriate socket. A small bar from the special jack is inserted into the socket, one twists a low-geared handle and in a matter of seconds the wheel concerned is clear of the ground and ready for changing. The whole operation can be conducted without bending the knees or soiling the hands.

It is not possible in the case of this Riley to say much about the feel or handling of the car, as the particular model in question had already been sold, and it was only through the courtesy of the enthusiastic owner that a ride in it was made possible.

Fast And Tractable

From the front passenger's seat, however it was obvious that here was a wonderful all-round car, fast and responsive, yet delightfully tractable. The steering was high-gear, yet this did not seem to cause any difficulty when manoeuvring in Wanchai traffic at its worst. The remote-control gear-shift lever fell readily to the hand, and the changes were swift and positive. The brake-lever is the now familiar trigger-grip sort under the dashboard, which gets it out of the way at the cost of a slight loss in

accessibility; since its main use is that of a parking brake, however, this is probably of little account.

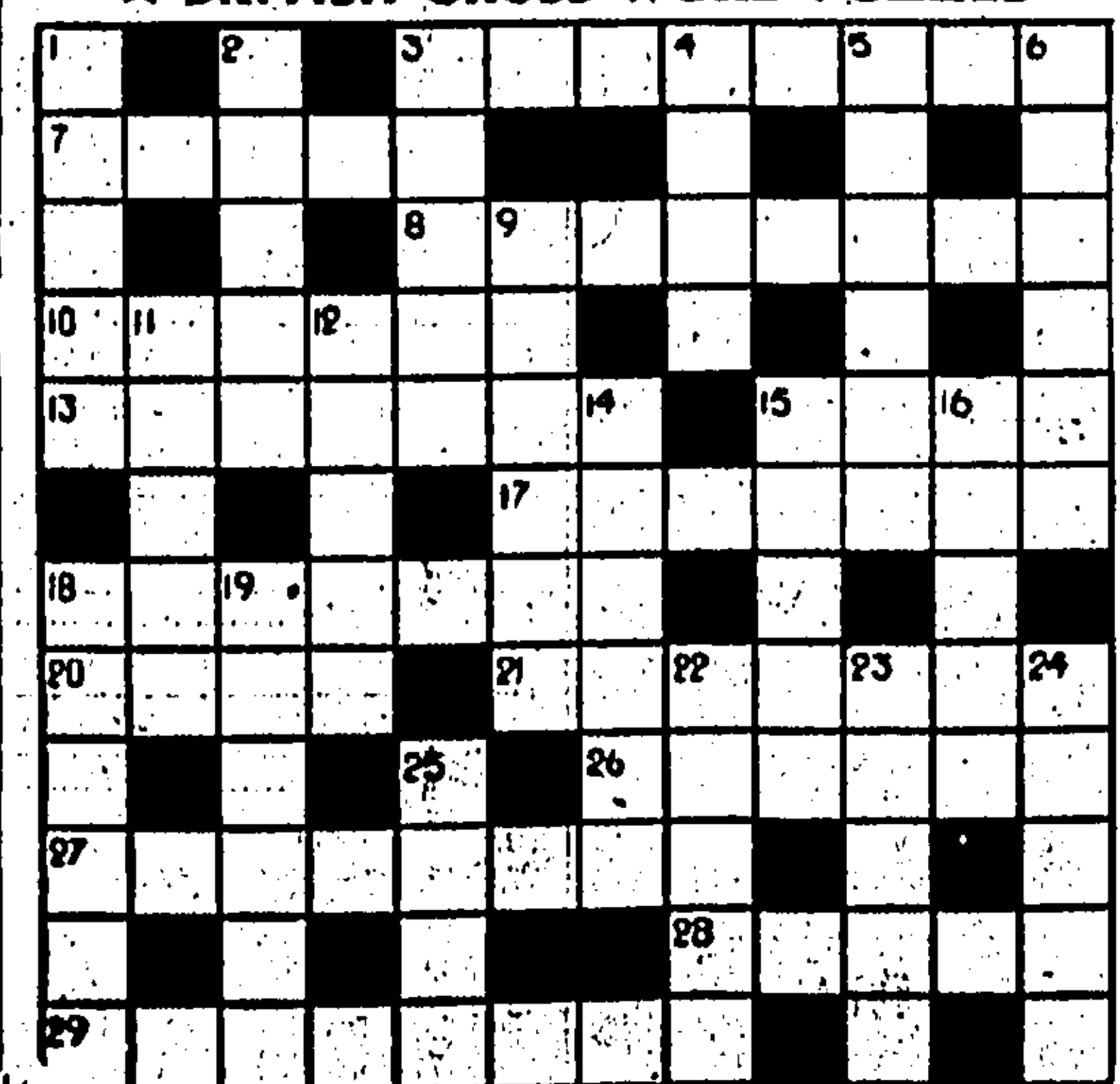
Mention has already been made of the way the car will ghost along at low speeds in top. On the other hand, the owner of a 2½-litre Riley is bound to be a keen motorist who is not afraid of his gearbox, and a drop down into third or second will enable him to get the maximum from an engine which is unbelievably responsive and smooth for a four. The "hairline" steering will enable him to take full advantage of any gaps in traffic and on the open roads he will find he can gauge the corners correctly and corner them safely and at speed.

It is difficult to take a detached viewpoint of the Riley 2½-litre. One tends to let one's enthusiasm run away with one. And yet, the figures speak for themselves. Road tests by technical journals in Britain show that the Riley will reach 60 miles an hour from rest in 15.2 seconds, and can accelerate from 40 to 60 miles an hour in 8.9 seconds. Top speed: 105 MPH. The Riley is a 2½-litre, four-cylinder car.

One of the leading American makes, with a 4.4 litre twelve-cylinder engine was put through the same tests. It took 14 seconds to reach 60 MPH from rest, accelerated from 40 to 60 miles an hour in 8 seconds, and had a maximum speed of 87 MPH. Fuel consumption figures were not given, but, on the average, the Riley should better 20 MPG, the American car 8 to 10 MPG.

Once someone has been for a ride in a Riley, the odds are he will be like the famous Pears Soap baby—he won't be happy till he gets one!

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 One who puts 18 Steered.
- 2 A million.
- 3 Former.
- 4 Gourmets.
- 5 Communicate.
- 6 Erudite.
- 7 Rotate.
- 8 Str up.
- 9 Harvest.
- 10 Break.
- 11 Badges.
- 12 Fragments of.
- 13 coloured paper.
- 14 Tenet.
- 15 Inventory.

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across—1 Pedlar, 3 Aival, 5 De-
set, 9 System, 10 Gains, 11 Total, 12
Ape, 13 Like, 14 Select, 15 Sensed,
20 Scene, 21 Dial, 22 Dance, 23
Scarf, 24 Elderly, 27 Reins, 28 Bayed,
29 Redd.

Clues Down

- 1 Upset.
- 2 Panorama.
- 3 Tidy up.
- 4 Choose.
- 5 Difficult.
- 6 Take ill.
- 7 Hold in.
- 8 Higher.
- 9 estimation.
- 10 Weird.
- 12 Military unit.
- 14 Subtract.
- 15 Strike.
- 16 Lifeline.
- 17 Summary.
- 18 Ship's boat.
- 19 Hauteur.
- 20 Custom.
- 21 Composition.
- 22 Crowd.

American Claim Qualified

London, Dec. 12. The statement by United States Secretary of Army Kenneth Royall to the Senate that, as a result of the Washington financial negotiations, the United States would in future have "controlling power over economic and financial policies" in the merged Western Zones of Germany was qualified today by a Foreign Office spokesman as applying only to foreign trade.

The spokesman, representing the German Department of the Foreign Office, made it clear that the future division of power and responsibility between Britain and the United States in any field outside foreign trade had not even been discussed in the negotiations for a revision of the merger agreement of last December.

The Foreign Office spokesman later flatly denied another version of the Washington statement carried by a London newspaper which attributed to Mr. Royall the view that the United States would also control political policy.

It is understood that what was actually discussed in Washington, apart from the extent of the future financial contributions by both countries, was the composition and organisation of a joint Export-Import Agency.

The draft agreement now awaiting the approval of both Governments is expected to give the Americans a majority control of that agency, with limited right of appeal against the majority's decision to the Zonal commanders.—Reuter.

Icy Spell Hits Glasgow

Glasgow, Dec. 12. Thick fog and icy roads dislocated traffic by road, rail, air and sea in the Glasgow area today and nearly 40 vehicles, including 20 buses on a one-mile stretch of Tolcross Road, were involved in collisions.

From 20 to 30 people were injured and 11 were taken to hospital. In the city centre, where visibility was only a few feet, conductors left their buses and walked ahead to guide them through the fog.

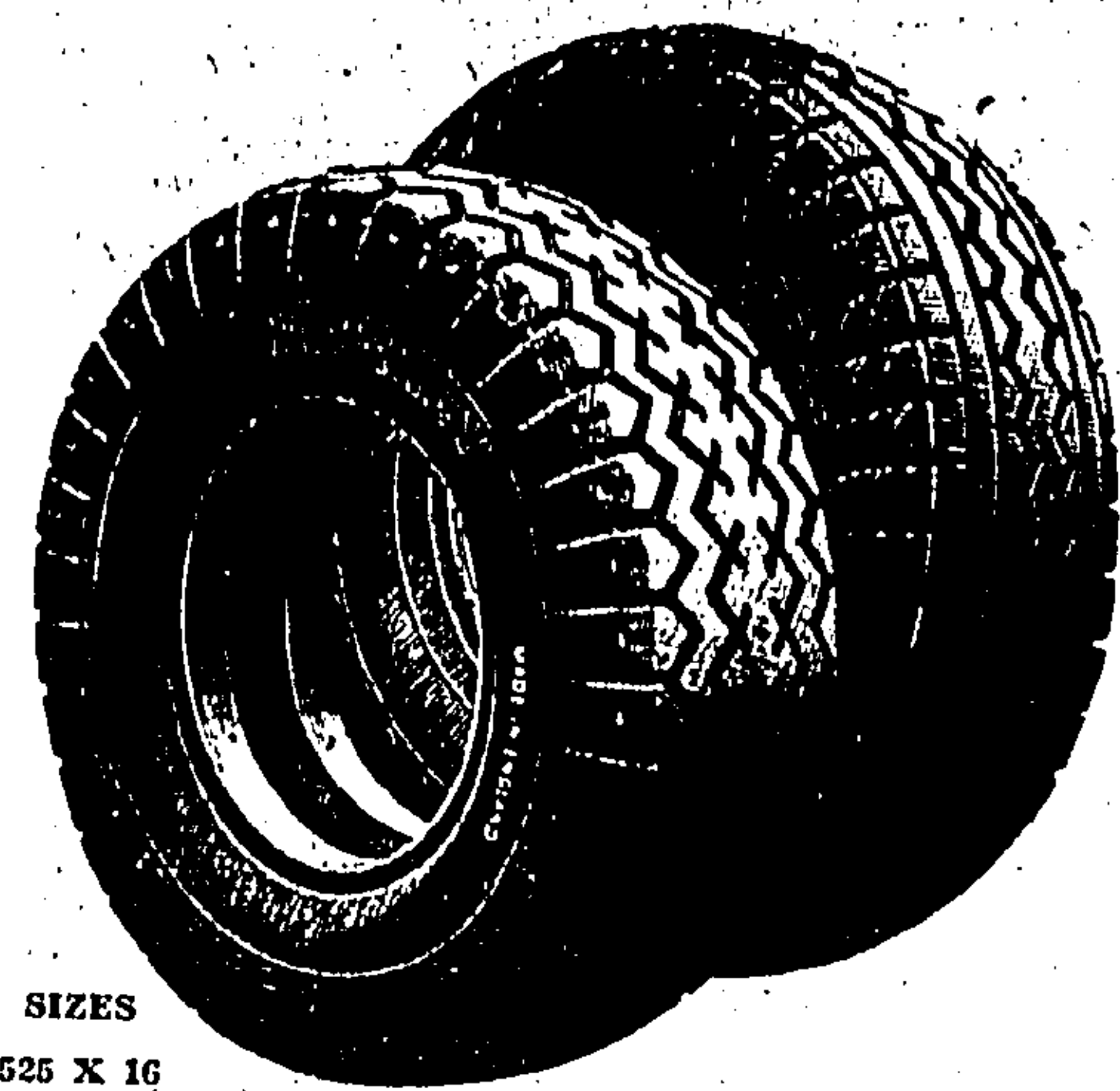
All planes were grounded at airports and shipping was at a standstill on the river.—Reuter.

MINE EXPLOSION

Wilkes Barre, Pa., Dec. 11. Six miners were killed and at least three hurt today when a gas explosion occurred underground in the Franklin colliery here today. Rescue gangs and ambulances were rushed to the colliery.—Reuter.

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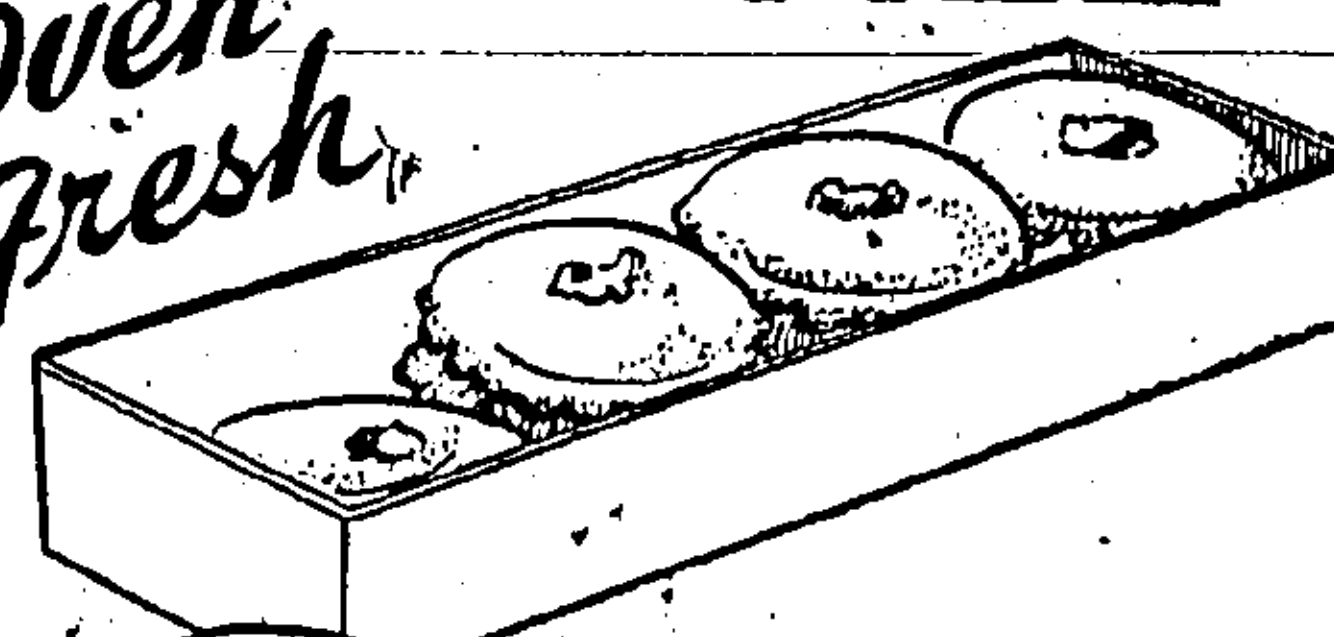
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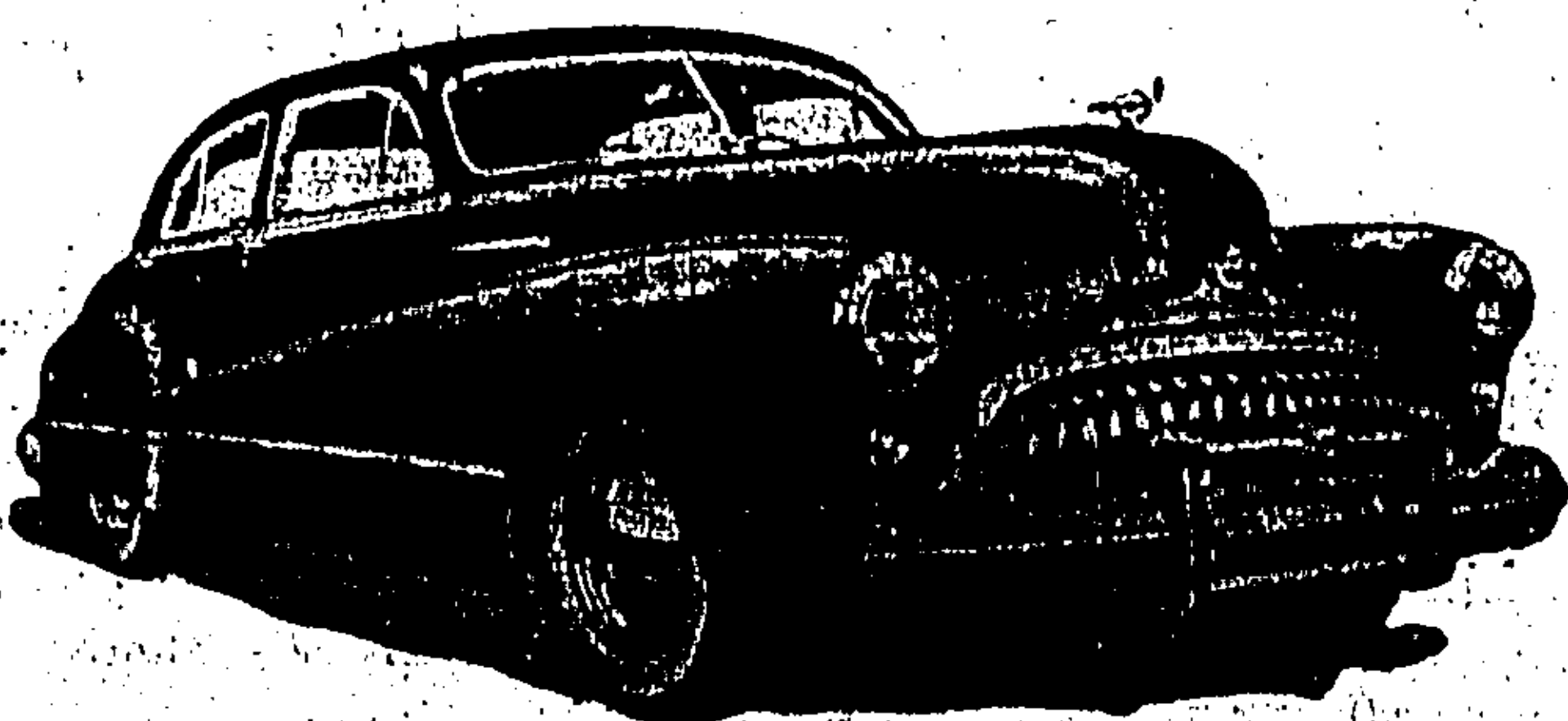
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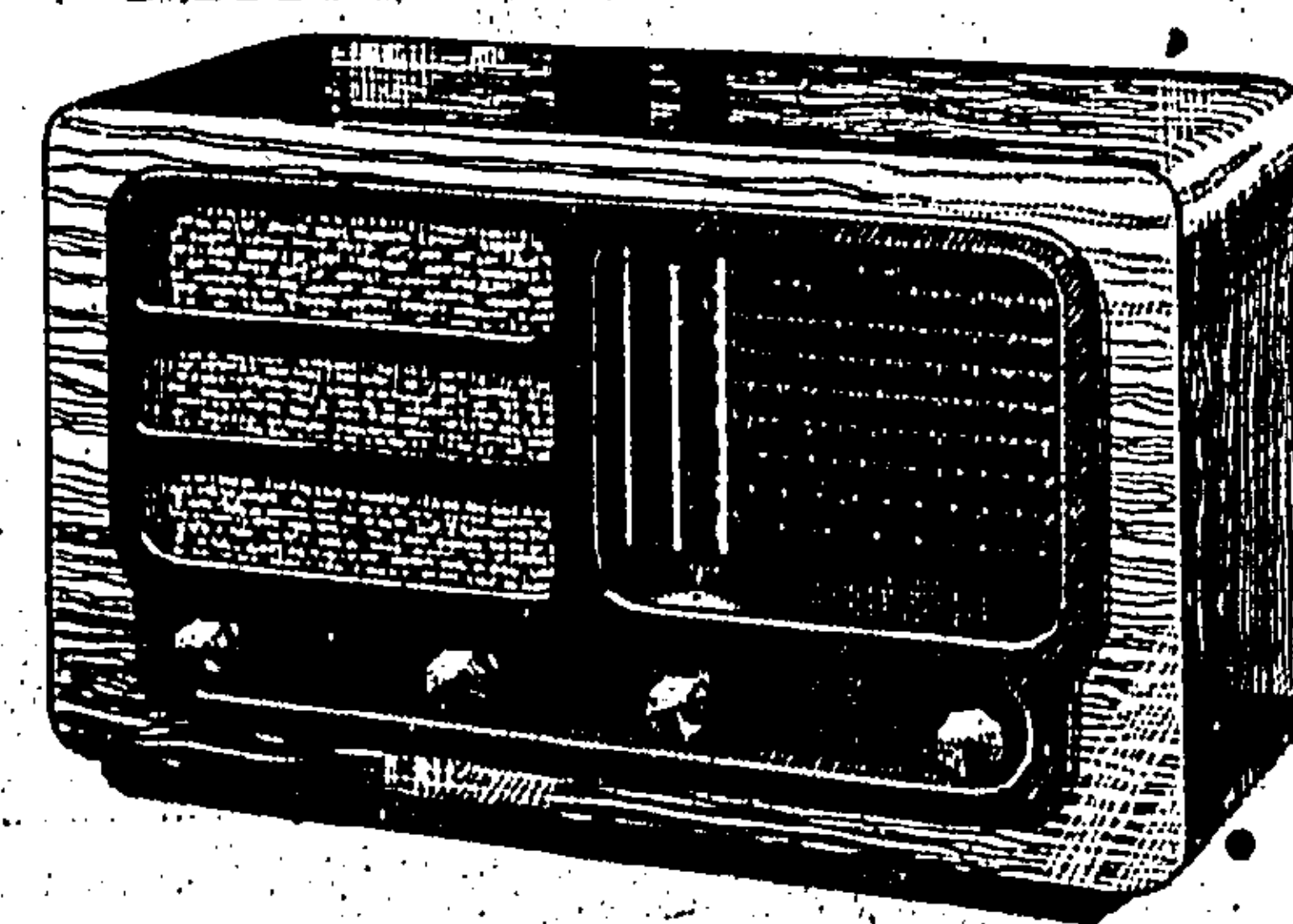
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"MOLENKERK"	Due from Europe end of January	Loading for Manila/Singapore/ Colombo Port Said/Haifa/ Genoa/Marseilles/ Antwerp/Rotterdam/ Amsterdam/Hamburg/ Copenhagen/Gotthen- burg/Oslo beginning of February 1948.
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"ALPHERAT"	In Port	Loading for Manila/Singapore/ Colombo/P. Said/Haifa Genoa/Marseilles/ Antwerp/Rotterdam/ Amsterdam/Hamburg/ Copenhagen/Gotthen- burg/Oslo end of Feb.
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Agents SILVER LINE LTD.

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ARRIVALS

From	Date	Vessel
Pacific Coast Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	27th Dec. 20th Jan. February	m.v. "MANGALORE" m.v. "DONA AURORA" m.v. "ANDAMAN"

SAILINGS

For	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	24th Jan. February	m.v. "DONA AURORA" m.v. "ANDAMAN"

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GERMAN STEEL PRODUCTION**H.K. Stock
Exchange**There are no special features to
chronicle for the past week. Trading has
been on a very limited scale, although it
has been spread fairly well over the
board. Buyers in the main have been
heavily satisfied, but beyond that sellers
have shown no disposition to force the
pace, thus quotations show no appreci-
able variations.H.K. Govt. Loans: 4% Loan 100s.
100s: 81 1/2 101s.Banks H.K. & S. Bank 100s: 106 1/2
(Lan. Rep.) 111 1/2; Chartered Bank
211 1/2; Mercantile Bk. A. & B.
211s: Bank of East Asia 115s.Insurance: Canton Ins. 210s; Union
Ins. 180s; 760s; China Underwriters 70s
H.K. Fire Ins. 200s, 300s.Shipping: Douglas 260s; H.K. & M.
Steamboats 14 1/2s; Indo-China (Pref)
100s; (Def.) 300s; Rhella (Beecher)
X. 10s; 70s; U. Waterboats (Old)
10 1/2s; (New) 40s.Docks: Wharves, Godowns, Etc.: H.K.
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160s; Rights 60s; Mss: H.K. Docks
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23 1/2s; Rhel Dockyards 10 1/2s.Mining: Raul Mines 6 1/2s; H.K. Mines
02 1/2s.Lands, Hotels & Bldgs: H. & A. (Old)
H.K. 22 1/2s; 230s; H.K. Lands (Old)
80 1/2s; (New) 78 1/2s; Rhel Lands 6 1/2s;
Hemphrys Estates 28 1/2s; H.K. Realities
18s; Chinese Estates 100s.Public Utilities: H.K. Tramways 25s.
24s; 25s; Peak Tram (Old) 18 1/2s;
(New) 90s; River Ferries 120s; Yau-mai
Ferries 27 1/2s; C. Light (Old) X.D.B.
20 1/2s; 20 1/2s; (New) 16 X.D.B.;
H.K. Electric (Old) 55s; 51 1/2s; 51 1/2s;
(New) 40s; Metro Electric 24s; Sunda-
nan Light 10s; Telephones (Old) 42s;
(New) 37 1/2s.Industrials: Cold. Macc. (Old) 100s;
(New) 60s; Canton Iron 7s; General
(Old) 32s; (New) 31s; H.K. Jones
20 1/2s.Stores & Daily Farms 77s; 80s;
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Empire 100s; Sun Co. Ltd. 60s;
Kwang Sang Hong 200s; Wing On
H.K. 140s; Wm. Powell, Ltd. 14 1/2s.Miscellaneous: China Entertainment
27s; H.K. Constructions (Old) 0 1/2s;
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dard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on

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Agents.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1947.

**Big Four Agree
On Increase**London, Dec. 11.
The Big Four Foreign Ministers, in their first
major agreement since they met here on Nov.
25, today decided to raise the limit of German
steel production capacity from 7,500,000 to
11,500,000 tons a year.The French Foreign Minister
(M. Georges Bidault) made
agreement possible by consenting,
after opposing such a decision for
over one year for fear of reviving
Germany's war potential and
strengthening her at the expense
of other countries.The Foreign Ministers also
agreed to give the Allied Control
Council in Berlin authority to
make sure German coal was fair-
ly distributed among Germany
and other European countries.They approved a plan to draw
up the final list of German plants
to be removed as reparations by
next March 31 and complete re-
moval of German war equipment
plants by June 30.The Big Four will take up a
power occupying Germany shall
provide information about repara-
tions removals to date.

Security Demand

They decided last year to limit
German steel production to 5-
6,000,000 tons; after the failure of

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steamer's godowns, and all

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No Fire Insurance will be

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1947.

Money MarketGold again topped yesterday
and at lowest ebb was down to
\$303.50 a tola. At the close,
however, it recovered to \$307,
two points below the opening
rate.Plastics, on the other hand,
continued to climb, and went
up to \$11.32 1/2 a 100, shortly
after opening at \$10.97 1/2. At
the close the rate was \$11.30.Chinese National Currency
was weaker. Opening at 34 1/2
cts. for futures and 43 cts. for
spot (for CN\$10,000). It closed
at 32 1/2 cts. and 40 cts. respec-
tively.U.S. dollars were more or
less stationary at \$5.08. Ster-
ling eased off to \$13.07 1/2. Aus-
tralian pounds were unchanged
at \$12.61.In Shanghai yesterday the
open market rates were un-
changed, according to Reuters,
at CN\$72,000 (buyers) and
CN\$74,000 (sellers) for the
U.S. dollar, and CN\$22,000
(buyers) and CN\$22,000
(sellers) for Sterling.**LONDON SILVER
& GOLD**London, Dec. 11.
Silver, Spot, per fine ounce 45s.
Forward, 44 1/2s.
Bar Gold, per fine ounce 172 1/2-
173s.
Reuter.**N.Y. RUBBER**New York, Dec. 12.
Crude rubber closed 41 to 70 high-
er. Sales were 129 contracts. Decem-
ber 20.20 nominal, March 19.66-70
May 19.50 bid, July 19.14, Septem-
ber 19.10 nominal. No. 1 ribbed
sheets 20 1/2 nominal. Associated
Press.**NEW YORK SILVER
& GOLD**New York, Dec. 11.
Silver, Bar (asked price) 74 1/2cts.
Bar Gold, per fine ounce (official)
\$35; (No Y. Unofficial) \$34 Nom.
Reuter.**ARGENTINE GOLD**Buenos Aires, Dec. 11.
Sovereign, buyers, 65.00, sellers
66.00; U.S. Eagles 121.50b, 123.50s;
Gold, Bar, gramme, 6.95b, 6.20s-
Reuter.**Peninsular & Oriental****STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY****ARRIVALS**

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"RUBY STONE"	Japan	17th Dec.
"SOCOTRA"	Kobe	18th Dec.
"ORMARA"	Singapore	19th Dec.
"DAN-Y-BRYN"	Shanghai	20th Dec.
"TREVVOSE"	Shanghai	22nd Dec.
"STRATHNAVER"	Kure	24th Dec.
"ORMARA"	Shanghai	2nd Jan.
"TREVVOSE"	U.K. via Straits	13th Jan.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	16th Feb.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"RUBY STONE"	Bombay via Straits	18th Dec.
"SOCOTRA"	Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam) via Straits & Colombo	21st Dec.
"ORMARA"	Shanghai	21st Dec.
"DAN-Y-BRYN"	Bombay via Straits & Colombo	22nd Dec.
"TREVVOSE"	Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam) via Straits & Colombo	24th Dec.
"STRATHNAVER"	U.K.	26th Dec.
"ORMARA"	Bombay via Straits & Colombo	3rd Jan.
"TREVVOSE"	Shanghai	16th Jan.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	15th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	23rd Feb.

British India**STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.****APCAR LINE****ARRIVALS**

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"BANGOLA"	Calcutta via Straits	31st Dec.
"BANGOLA"	Shanghai & Amoy	13th Jan.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"BANGOLA"	Amoy & Shanghai & Rangoon	2nd Jan.
"BANGOLA"	Calcutta via Straits	15th Jan.

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SHIPS	from	Due
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"NANKIN"	Amoy	Late February

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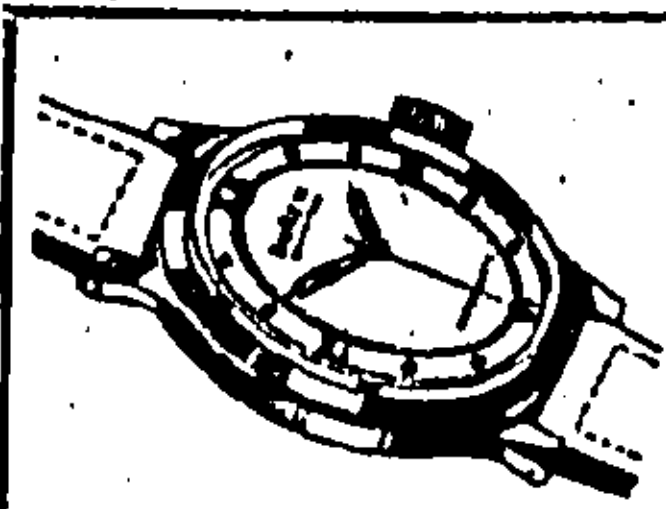
Tuesday, December 16th

Passengers' hold baggage must be delivered to
Godown No. 50, Gate No. 2, Canton Road, between
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FOOTBALLERS READY FOR SHIELD TRYOUT Sing Tao To Meet Innskillings Today

Football Assn. Suspends KMB Man

At the meeting of the Emergency committee of the Hong Kong Football Association yesterday, the Football Assn. was suspended for six weeks for being cautioned by the referee during the game against Kit Chee last Saturday.

With Kitchee well established at the head of the First Division Football League table, interest in football is now confined to the Shield competitions which start next week. Many teams are using this week's games as the final tryout.

The best game this week-end should be that on the Club ground between Sing Tao and Innskillings who, in spite of their indifferent form last week, are quite capable of extending the championship.

Kitchee, the potential champions, meet the Buffs. Unless something untoward happens, they should win.

At Caroline Hill a good tussle is expected between South China and Kwong Wah.

St. Joseph's seem to have lost all hopes of entering the Second Round of the Senior Shield.

J. Castilho, one of the most promising rising players, will be out of the game for some time owing to an injury sustained in the recent Governor's Cup.

B. Gosamo has been advised to take at least another three weeks' rest.

Added to all this they are due to meet Sing Tao, who have been reinforced by the inclusion of Choi Wing-keung and probably the two brothers, at present with Eastern.

However, they should win their game tomorrow against the Royal Artillery who are not as formidable as a month ago.

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Today's Games
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FIRST DIVISION
South China v Kwong Wah, C. Hill, 4 p.m.

Ref.: J. Ward, Linesmen: Y.T. Leung, R. Chan.

Buffs v Kit Chee, Sookunpo, 4 p.m.

Ref.: A. Brogan, Linesmen: Pte. Sheen, D. Leonard.

R.A.F. v Club Navy, 4 p.m.

Ref.: F.H. Bullock, Linesmen: Y.T. Leung, R. Chan.

Chinese A.A. v Royal Navy, Police, 4 p.m.

Ref.: J.G. Padley, Linesmen: C.K. Wong, P.M. Xavier.

SECOND DIVISION "A"
Doylegan v South China, C. Hill, 2.30 p.m.

Ref.: W. Gaffney.

Eastern v Kit Chee, Sookunpo, 2.30 p.m.

Ref.: F.A. Barretto.

NAVY v R.A.O.C. Navy, 2.30 p.m.

Ref.: Farmer.

W.D. Chinese v H.Q.L.F., H. Valley "I", 2.30 p.m.

Ref.: Cpl. Munson.

SECOND DIVISION "B"
Chinese A.A. v R.E.M.E. Police, 2.30 p.m.

TOMORROW
FIRST DIVISION
K.M. Bus v Police, Police, 4 p.m.

Ref.: K.K. Ip, Linesmen: Delgado/S.M. Lui.

25th R.A. v St. Joseph's, Sookunpo, 4 p.m.

Ref.: Blaby, Linesmen: A. Ribeiro/K.H. Tsang.

Sing Tao v Innskillings, Club, 4 p.m.

Ref.: C. Tunstall, Linesmen: A.M. Lee/L. Harris.

Eastern (Bye).

SECOND DIVISION "A"
Police v K.M. Bus, Police, 2.30 p.m.

Ref.: R.S.M. Watson.

Taitung v St. Joseph's, H. Valley, 2.30 p.m.

Ref.: R.S.M. Ewin.

SECOND DIVISION "B"
Signals v Electric, H. Valley "H", 4 p.m.

Ref.: S.M.I. Easton.

R.A.M.C. v C. Cadre, Sookunpo, 2.30 p.m.

Ref.: P. George.

Club v R.A.S.C. Club, 2.30 p.m.

Ref.: A. Leck.

South China v R.A., C. Hill, 2.30 p.m.

Ref.: G.M.S.I. Tamlyn.

Sing Tao (Bye).

"The King Is Dead—There Is No Heir"

The "King" is dead—there is no heir. His name on the birth certificate is Anthony William Hall. He lived in Shropshire where he was at most times a capable police inspector, author of textbooks on police procedure and an expert business man.

But, every now and then, this policeman became King Anthony I, claimant to the throne of Great Britain.

At more than 2,000 outdoor meetings, he proclaimed that the House of Windsor had no right to the Crown which was his by virtue of direct descent from Tudor King Henry VIII.

Hall believed he descended from a child born to Henry VIII and Anne Bolton before Henry divorced Katherine of Aragon.

Once he was arrested for producing a pound note "in my own currency which will be redeemed at its face value when I reach my objective."

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King Anthony I was 53.—United Press.

London, Dec. 12.

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RAIN STOPS PLAY IN SECOND TEST Indians Lose Two Wickets For 38

Sydney, Dec. 12. Play was abandoned today in the second Test match between Australia and the Indian cricketers after the tourists had scored 38 runs for two wickets. Amarnath, the Indian captain, beat Don Bradman in the toss and gave India first knock on an uncertain wicket in the second Test, which began today.

The wicket was not actually affected by the recent rains, but it had not had the usual prolonged preparation and, being more natural than usual, was likely to favour the bowlers.

The pitch was "shaved" an hour before play began and looked like a beige coloured strip in a sea of green.

The whole of the outfield was mown, but it was still likely to be heavy. Although overcast as play began, the weather showed signs of clearing.

India made two changes from the first test team, Phadkar and Amr Elahi replacing Rangrezkar and Sohoni.

Nell Harvey, 18-year old Victoria left-hander, was made 12th man for Australia, for whom Ron Hamence the South Australian batsman, in place of bowler Ernest Toshack, was the only change.

The teams were:

The Teams
INDIA: — Amarnath, Hazare, Mankad, Irani, Mishenshand, Adhikari, Gul Mohamed, Nayudu, Sarwate, Phadkar and Elahi.

AUSTRALIA: — Bradman, Brown, Hamence, Hassett, Johnston, Miller, Johnson, Lindwall, McCool, Tolan and Morris.

It was good news for India when Amarnath called correctly to the spin of Bradman's coin. Bradman smiled, emphatically it seemed, but Amarnath, imperturbable, decided to bat.

Disaster for India soon followed, Sarwate being bowled with only two runs scored when Mankad and Sarwate opened against the fast bowling of Lindwall.

bowling inswingers with the aid of a mild northerly wind, and Bill Johnston, left-arm swing bowler.

Mankad, careful to keep his bat away from rising balls on the off stump, played a maiden to Lindwall. Following a leg bye, Mankad square cut a leg to Johnston for a single.

Sarwate attempting to cover drive the fifth ball of Johnston's first over, was beaten and lost his off ball.

Gul Mohamed's strokes were orthodox and defensive and runs came slowly.

Only seven were scored in the first 20 minutes.

At this point Lindwall retired for attention to the heel of his boot and young Neil Harvey was applauded as he went out as substitute.

Gul Mohamed, showing more enterprise and a squarer bat, took Johnston in turn for two with neat strokes and followed by coverdriving Lindwall for three.

Clever running between wickets enabled him to beat Hassett after half an hour, with only 10 runs on the board. India suffered a second reverse when Mankad played outside a good length ball from Lindwall which whipped in and took his middle stump.

The first ball Hazare received from Lindwall struck him high on the right arm.

Gul Mohamed, batting with confidence continued to increase his figures by pushing Lindwall just clear of Hassett at silly leg for a single.

At 21, Miller replaced Lindwall whose five overs had cost ten runs.

Heavy Shower
With the total at 20 for two after 55 minutes play, a heavy shower drove the players from the field, Mohamed then being 17 and Hazare three. The wicket approaches were quickly covered by the ground staff.

Play was resumed after 10 minutes delay, Miller completed his over with a ball which became very greasy from Johnston. Johnston requisitioned a towel and sawdust when bowling from the other end.

Gul Mohamed played a maiden from Johnston, failing to connect with a vicious pull off the fourth ball. Hazare continued to defend stubbornly and also played a maiden from Miller, who was bringing the ball back from the off.

In attempting to pull another straight ball from Johnston, Gul Mohamed struck the stumps with the strength, but resumed after a minute's rest.

Accurate bowling, supported by keen fielding, restricted the rate of scoring. Until Mohamed came out, Johnston for two and then Lindwall for four, Miller for four, the result of 74 minutes of play.

The resumption of play after lunch was delayed by light rain, which continued for some time.

Win, Lose Or Draw, Louis Will Be Out

New York, Dec. 11.

Joe Louis said today that "win, lose or draw" he plans to retire from the ring after his return fight with Jersey Joe Walcott here next summer.

Louis said he was completely confident that he would win in a knockout the next time he meets Walcott. "I will be in better shape," he said, adding that he was "very, very weak" in last week's fight—Reuter.

Princess Thanks The Army

London, Dec. 12.

The following letter has been received from Princess Elizabeth by Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery in appreciation of the wedding present sent her on behalf of all ranks in the Army:

"Dear Lord Montgomery, I'm delighted with the magnificent wedding present which all ranks have subscribed to give me. I've already bought with it an oil painting of London by Marlow which both Lieutenant Mountbatten and I think is perfectly beautiful and which will hang in our house."

"Of the remainder, I shall spend some at leisure on things I really need and am delighted to give £5,000 to the Army Benevolent Fund, so that others too can share the happiness which I feel on this great occasion of my life."

"Would you please let me know how pleased I am and how very much I value the kind thoughts which it represents. Yours sincerely, Elizabeth."

Reuter.

RUGBY TEAMS
The following will represent Royal Air Force in the Quadrangular Rugby tournament against Army at Sookunpo at 3.15 p.m. today:

Blackburn; Reid, Hutchings, Whitman and Tippet; Reynolds and Cullen; Downes, Cutler, Oliver, Macellan, Jenkins, Davies, Russell and Saunders.

The following are the Club players for this afternoon's Rugby games: Club v Navy—P.S. Ingram, R. Thompson, T. Morgan, R. Taitam, J. Taylor, S. Crawford, J.R. Henderson, N.I. McEwan, D. McWhirter, M.M.S. Forrester, T. Bowman, B. Johnson, G. Godfrey, A.J.O. Taylor and J. Small.

Club "A" v Navy "A"—N. Pearson, J. Tinson, D. Nelson, Gauntlett, P. Harriman, A. Stenham, G. Clemm, N. Walsh, Robertson, R. Clark, Macle, E.J. Brown, Vaughan, L. Birch and N. Slater.

SCORE

INDIA—FIRST INNINGS
Sarwate, b. Johnston 0
Mankad, b. Lindwall 24
Gul Mohamed, not out 5
Hazare, not out 4
Extras 4

Total for two 38

BOWLING ANALYSIS
O M R W
Lindwall 5 1 0 1
Johnston 9 2 14 1
Miller 4 0 10 0
—Reuter.

Olympic Run From Dover

London, Dec. 11.

A team of 75 runners in relays will carry the Olympic torch from Dover to Wembley Stadium throughout the night of Dec. 22 on the last stage of its journey from the Greek village of Olympia, to arrive in time for the opening of the Games by the King on the following afternoon.

Arrangements for the Continental route have not yet been completed but it has been decided that a Naval ship will convey the torch from Calais.

From that point, runners chosen from local athletic clubs in relays of about two miles each, will carry it through Canterbury, Maidstone, Reigate, Redhill, Dorking, Guildford, Baginbun, Windsor, Slough, Uxbridge and Wembley.

The committee is under the chairmanship of Commander F. J. Collins, Royal Navy (Retired), well-known athlete's coach and a member of the British Amateur Athletic Board committee, which is organising the athletic events at Wembley Stadium and has been set up to organise the torch relay through southern England.—Reuter.

Berlin, Dec. 11.

A Russian demolition squad blew up the "Fuehrerbunker" today wiping out the Chancellery shelter when Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun are believed to have died.

The demolition was part of the Allied programme for destroying German fortifications.—Associated Press.

London, Dec. 11.

Rugby Union games North Midlands 22 Warwickshire 13; Notts, Lincs and Derby 11 East Midlands 20.—Reuter.

The first ball Hazare received from Lindwall struck him high on the right arm.

Gul Mohamed, batting with confidence continued to increase his figures by pushing Lindwall just clear of Hassett at silly leg for a single.

At 21, Miller replaced Lindwall whose five overs had cost ten runs.

Heavy Shower
With the total at 20 for two after 55 minutes play, a heavy shower drove the players from the field, Mohamed then being 17 and Hazare three. The wicket approaches were quickly covered by the ground staff.

Play was resumed after 10 minutes delay, Miller completed his over with a ball which became very greasy from Johnston. Johnston requisitioned a towel and sawdust when bowling from the other end.

Gul Mohamed played a maiden from Johnston, failing to connect with a vicious pull off the fourth ball. Hazare continued to defend stubbornly and also played a maiden from Miller, who was bringing the ball back from the off.

In attempting to pull another straight ball from Johnston, Gul Mohamed struck the stumps with the strength, but resumed after a minute's rest.

Accurate bowling, supported by keen fielding, restricted the rate of scoring. Until Mohamed came out, Johnston for two and then Lindwall for four, Miller for four, the result of 74 minutes of play.

The resumption of play after lunch was delayed by light rain, which continued for some time.

It will operate from April 1 next year.

This is in conformity with the eight weeks' expenses rule of the International Federation, which will consider at its annual meeting in March an amendment altering the present rule from eight weeks to eight months. It will have the support of the LTA Council.

Mr. T. St. John, chairman of the Council, assured the meeting that the rule would be applied thoroughly as thoroughly as in any country in the world today.

"Times have changed," he added. "The cost of rackets, other equipment and tennis generally, has increased so great that we feel that such help as the rule could give should be made to those who are striving their best to make England once again a playing nation."

Viscount Templewood, who was elected President, also called attention to the present cost of the game and suggested that a cheap racket costing not more than 30 shillings was needed.—Reuter.

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Two-Week Softball Armistice Expires

(By "Grandstand")
The two-week armistice for playing off Charity Games having expired, pennant contenders haul down the white flag this week-end to continue their dog-fight with renewed bitterness and vigour.

In the Men's Senior League, hostilities break out again as the Saints unleash their slugging might against the cellar-dwelling Rovers at the C.B.A. ground whilst the Police call off the fruce to tackle the Baseballers at the Recreio Football Ground in an all-out attempt to break into the win column. Both curtain-raising tilts are due for Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

With first-sacker Stan Leonard in charge of field operations the Jolins should have no difficulty in accounting for the Rolling Rovers. St. Joseph's battery will be Jack Brown and Hal Wingard supported in the infield by Stan Leonard, Bimbi Abung, the Flying Ticker, Ahlor Rumbahn and Benny Omar, whilst starting in the outfield will probably be Jindoo Huvain, Ramon Casero and Sherry Bux, but my guess is that utilities Rogie Lobo and Eddie Remedios will be put in the game in the early stages. One doesn't hear much about basement teams, but you've got to hand it to mentor Cesar Coelho's Rovers who are out there every week fighting for that one break which might help them register their first win.

Sparking
Cecilio Wong's South China nine cross the stretch of water at 11.15 a.m. to take on the Merry Madcaps in a crucial assignment. Sparked by chief sabre-rattler Showboat Al, the Caroline Hill outfit have spent the last few weeks sharpening their iron-haws ready to stage a scalp raid on those so-and-so Madcaps. It all started many moons ago, when the Wongmen lost a heart-breaking last-inning verdict to the Baseballers—but that's an old story, and the Wongmen have not forgotten. Eddie Marques and his Madcap warriors, too, have been preparing for this clash and will have every brave and square of the Tribe on hand to witness their triumph. Boy! I wouldn't miss this for anything.

Simultaneously with the South China—Madcap dog-fight, Bill Woo's Canadians take on Tony Lopez' V.R.C. outfit. The Canucks may not be able to start their flinging wizard Herbie Quon who sustained a serious finger injury during the recent exhibition bout, but Bill can always depend on Kassa Nazarin, whose steady hurling has put out the fire for him on many occasions. The Victorians possess a good many heavy clouters, among whom are Gerry Rosa-Pereira, the curly-headed boy who slammed the apple clear out of the field this year, George

Saunders, now leading the batting race and Lefty Tony Lopez who is always a dangerous hitter to the right. In the fielding department, alas, the Victorians are miles behind, and that's likely to prove their downfall.

The Rambling Recs play off the first league game scheduled on their Softball diamond against the cellar-dwelling Filipinos. The Islanders started off in their first game against the hapless Rovers with a brace of homers, but since then seem to have faded into oblivion. Unless they wake up soon, they'll find themselves in the damp dungeon in the company of the Rovers whom they so unceremoniously shoved down there.

Once more fans of the female diamond gladiators will flock out to the C.B.A. sandlot to watch the Wilders' Sunday at 2.30 p.m. The rip-roaring Underdog Felines have not been in action for over a month and are a-rarin' to go to town when they tangle with the Canuckettes this Sabbath, to continue a feud which started way back in the rambunctious shirries when the Maple Leafers were always upsetting their apple-

The Canuckettes did not impress yours truly very much in their first outing against the Aces and were even worse against the Wahoots, but during the Charity Exhibition games, it seemed that some of their pre-war sluggers have at last found their batting eye again. Maple Leafers Ullan Khoo, batting in the clean-shaven spot, hit his only at least once, in every one of the four games in which she took part this season, and to prove that she is capable of dispatching the apple to far-away places, she nearly lost the ball with a zipper-dipper homer last Sunday against Portugal. Coach Bill Woo's headache this week will be to find a catcher, Marianna Yeung being sidelined on account of an injured finger. It seems injuries are dogging the Canuck clan.

The Madcaps indulge in a family affair this afternoon at the Marina Ground, Chatham Road, when the Aces meet the Bees at 3 p.m. Emma to settle a big sister-little sister squabble.

The Junior Loop has been running smoothly ever since he stepped into the third week and will go into his fourth week this Sabbath with a full schedule of five games in which the Cosmos and the Jaguars will appear for the first time.

Yvon Petra To Sue Sports Promoter

Paris, Dec. 11.

Yvon Petra, colourful French tennis player and Wimbledon champion in 1946, announced today that he will sue Charles Michiels, Paris sports promoter, for an undisclosed amount which was believed to be in the neighbourhood of 250,000 francs.

The suit will be based, according to Petra, on claims that Michiels dissuaded him in 1946 from accepting either of two offers to turn professional in America, in favour of promised arrangements in France, which never materialised.

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